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SOCCEROOS v 1990 WORLD CUP FINALS SIDE

KOREA CAULDRON

HEIDELBERG TRIUMPHANT!

BY GREG BLAKE

HEIDELBERG gave Morwell Falcons an emphatic 4-1 spanking on Sunday to snatch the Victorian State League title for 1990.

And with victory went a position in the play-offs for a place in the upcoming National Soccer League competition.

Heidelberg don't enter the fray until they meet Adelaide Hellas at home in a big

all-Greek derby on Wednesday, September 12.

Subsequently they play Adelaide Hellas in the return match in Adelaide on Sunday, September 16, followed by the Brisbane Lions games (Wed September 19 in Brisbane and Sunday September 23 in Melbourne).

And that won't leave much time for the ultimate winner to prepare for the NSL kick-off on October 5/

7.

On Sunday Morwell's Kiwi international Billy Wright cancelled out an early Paul Lewis effort on the stroke of half-time.

But after that, Phil Stubbins (53rd and 85th minutes) and Angie Goutzoulis (63 mins) sealed the issue.

Heidelberg had looked the part for some time, and their victory came as no surprise in Victorian circles.

SOCCEROO coach Eddie Thomson expects World Cup finalists South Korea to provide a much harder workout for his team than the recent successful Independence Cup in Jakarta.

Thomson, who only returned from Europe on Sunday with the Australian Olympic team, was in transit in Sydney for 36 hours before flying out to Seoul with the senior Socceroos.

While in Europe, Thomson was in constant contact by telephone with Les Scheinflug, who coached the team in Jakarta.

NSW Struggle

Wollongong Macedonia (23 points) remains on top of the NSW State League composite table, with two rounds remaining.

Canberra Croatia, two points adrift, has a match in hand and a superior goal difference.

At stake is a position in the 1990/91 National Soccer League, which opens for business on October 5/7, less than a month away.

As it stands, Sutherland Shire and St George are in hot pursuit, with Warringah and Sydney Macedonia a touch away.

Scheinflug is now with the Young Socceroos in Fiji as they attempt to finish amongst the top two teams in the Oceania qualifiers before taking on Israel in Tel Aviv next February for a berth in the Youth World Cup in Portugal.

Thomson said the two matches against South Korea — on Thursday in Seoul and on Sunday in Pusan — were vital for Australia's build-up for the 1994 World Cup.

"We need to review as many players as possible," he said.

"We are not certain how seriously the Koreans will treat the games



EDDIE THOMSON — his first big test as Socceroo coach is coming up this week.

against us, but I believe they too are in the rebuilding process.

"No matter who our opponents are, the games will be very tough, especial-

ly the first match which will be played 36 hours after we get to Seoul."

Thomson believes the speed and ball skills of the Koreans will have to be contained.

Scheinflug has advised Thomson that the four matches in Jakarta helped the Socceroos get into good physical condition.

"From what Les tells me, the Koreans won't be able to run us off our feet."

"No matter what happens, the experience gleaned from two matches against one of the World Cup finalists and very top teams in Asia will be invaluable," he said.



NSW STATE LEAGUE

Sutherland shire's goalkeeper Paul Dart makes a safe take under pressure from a Canterbury opponent at Seymour Shaw Park on Sunday. Result 1-1. Sutherland stands third and Canterbury 12th on the table. — Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

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Newcastle — Australia's sixth biggest city

FROM READER ROSS GREIG

In reference to Mike Johnson's article, "Old Timers still have a lot to give the game", (A.S.W. 1st August, 1990) he makes reference to Sutherland Shire having a population of 250,000 and states, incorrectly, that it has as many people as Greater Newcastle or Wollongong.

While I am no expert on Wollongong, I do know its population is closer to that of Canberra's than Newcastle's—a city I know very well, being born and raised here.

For Mike Johnson's information and perhaps future reference, I will disclose the following facts

Newcastle has a metropolitan (greater) area population well in excess of 400,000 according to 1986 Census figures.

With rapid growth in the last four years, especially in its outlying areas, the population of "greater" Newcastle would be now around the half million mark.

Since the tragic December '89 earthquake, much has been written about Newcastle—usually in a negative vein.

We did suffer injuries,



Newcastle's Howard Tredinnick (left) and team mate celebrate success.

deaths and destruction to large sections of the city centre and inner suburbs and it's true that before the earthquake, Newcastle was (and still is) a depressed area, with dockyard and factory wind-downs adding to already high unemployment.

Now for the positive news.

Despite the earthquake, Newcastle is still the second largest city in N.S.W. and the nation's sixth largest.

Its people still have a good sense of humour, mental and physical toughness and enough pride in their city to restore and rebuild.

Newcastle is a many faceted city, and Novo-

castrians can boast of many fine restaurants, art galleries, museums and architecture, the equal of any capital city. Another great love is sport, in particular, football

At the moment, the Newcastle Knights, of rugby league fame, are the pride of people.

Only in their third year of existence, they deserve success and I wish them well

There is another club in this city which many people wish well also.

That club is Newcastle BHP Austral, at present in the NSW State League, but carefully planning a grand entry to the N.S.L., either through their own efforts or via the Bradley Report.

The Austral Club is a thorough and professional one, is in a much healthier state financially than Newcastle KB United ever was.

Its home ground is well located and being totally upgraded and further top class signings will guarantee that this still great city of Newcastle will have two great football sides in separate codes playing at the top level of Australian Football in the very near future.

Aussie expats in Europe

Have talent, will travel

BY GEORGE VAN ZANDEN

I have in my possession a booklet about the conditions and consideration given to players who want to play professional football in Western Europe.

One thing is abundantly clear: you have to be a top player to get a contract.

I wrote about this some time ago in ASW and my advice is still to go for a soccer holiday to Europe by all means if you can afford it and try to secure trial games for a couple of weeks.

I have tried to answer all letters regarding playing conditions and who and where to write for trial games.

What everyone likes to know is how much a player can earn.

A First Division player in England would be happy if he gets about \$1000 a week, after tax.

In the lower divisions, it is considerably less and most of the Fourth Division English club pay no more than their Australian National League counterparts.

In Belgium, the average weekly salary is \$8000, and in Holland an average player gets \$700.

Of course, the glamour clubs of Europe all pay a lot more to their top players.

Fred de Jong, Graham Arnold and Gary



GRAHAM ARNOLD — already a valuable first team player for Roda JC in Holland.

van Egmond, now in Holland, can expect to earn around \$50,000 in one season.

Robbie Slater, who plays in the French Second Division for Lens, is exceptionally lucky.

French professional soccer pays extravagant salaries and the average wage is high

er than in Italy. Slater would earn more than Arnold and van Egmond do in the Dutch First Division.

A monthly salary of \$40,000 is common in the French First Division — not even the very top players in the whole of Europe, bar Italy, would earn that sort of money.

Young Roos bang in six!

AUSTRALIA opened its Youth World Cup campaign with a 6-0 win at Ba, Fiji, over hopelessly outclassed Vanuatu in the first round of the Oceania region play-offs.

The under 20 Roos opened confidently with striker Kris Trajanovski

pushing through an easy shot from seven metres out in the fifth minute.

Just before half-time captain Paul Okon made it 2-0 with a penalty and in the 63rd minute Trajanovski scored again after heading in a corner kick.

David Seal followed with another header, then Steve Corica

placed the ball behind helpless goalkeeper Tito Avo and into the back of the net in the 77th minute.

Seal scored his second goal close to the end after beating the now demoralised opposition down the left flank.

Earlier, Fiji put up a better fight against New Zealand and were poised to draw 1-1 until Matthew Byers got a goal with a header off a corner kick from Mark Burton in the dying seconds of the game.

"I felt we played rather poorly in the first half," said Aussie coach Les Scheinflug after the match.

"We lost too many chances, but we made up for it."

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St George's proud record

BY PHIL MARTIN

ST GEORGE — the Sydney Saints — contend they are the only real Australian district club in the National Soccer League.

At present only Wollongong City could contest that statement.

The club recently celebrated its 33rd anniversary — 33 years of distinguished existence.

Amongst the achievements putting them in the top echelon of Australian football are:

- First to appoint a full-time Manager/Coach.
- To have their own training ground.
- To bring South American stars to play in Australia.
- To bring English internationals to play in Australia.
- To build their own soccer stadium.
- To have a comprehensive Apprentice Scheme.
- To tour overseas and win a tournament (Tokyo).
- To become a private company.
- To have eight players in the National Team (1973-74).



HARRY WILLIAMS

In Harry Williams the Saints had the first Aboriginal player playing for Australia.

As well as these proud moments, St George coach Frank Arok is regarded as perhaps the finest coach to ever come to these shores, brought to Australia in 1969 by St George.

Former president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George says: "I am aware of the history of the Club which dates back to its formation in 1950 and of the struggles, and triumphs which have marked the continuing progress of what must surely be one of, if not the, leading soccer club in Australia."

"The achievements of the club are legend."

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"The Federation will always be grateful to the St George Club for the sacrifices it made to provide players for the Australian national team."

"The 1973 and 1974 squad was a classic example with up to eight players coming from the St George club."

"This had an adverse effect on the results from the club point of view, but made an enormous impact on a national level and for that matter internationally, as the Australian team qualified for the finals of the World Cup for the first, and so far, only occasion."

"At this time the club gave freely of its players without the bickering and complaint which is so often evident today."

"I am also aware of the tremendous contribution that the St George club has given to the community at large in the St George area."

"The club has supported many charitable organisations and has done a great deal in respect to the coaching of junior and schoolboy players, and generally providing a first class image of soccer through the activities and the example that the club has set."

"I wish the club every success in the forthcoming season and continued progress in order that, when the 50th anniversary comes about, those in control of the game in this country will be in a position to echo my words in saying to the St George club — Congratulations on a job well done."

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Phillips waives soccer for career in the surf

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

GARY PHILLIPS, Sydney Olympic's dynamic midfielder, shocked the soccer fraternity when he boarded his Cathay Pacific flight out of Sydney this morning bound for Hong Kong where he hopes to start a new career with an American firm involved in surfing.

Phillips, a successful professional surfer over the last 10 years during the soccer off-season, has been offered a con-



GARY PHILLIPS

tract by the Beach Team Clothing company own-

ed by John Peterson.

Mr Peterson signed Phillips to a contract to be trained in the marketing of surfing gear in Hong Kong.

ASW spoke to Phillips last night in his home town, Sawtell, on the Central Coast of NSW.

He told us: "I will be based in Hong Kong for a year and the American firm wants me to learn their trade as well as do promotional work for them."

"They hope to eventually expand their retail outlets to Australia next year."

"At this stage they also want me to coach surfing in Japan where that sport is rapidly growing. I could as well be involved with regular trips to Hawaii for surfing carnivals."

"I hope to be able to fit in playing soccer for one of the big teams in Hong Kong if I have the time."

Gary, aged 27, joined Sydney Olympic in 1982 from Coffs Harbour.

He soon established himself in the first team where his first-timed balls from the heart of Olympic's midfield proved a lethal weapon for the NSL champion's attack.

One of Olympic's most popular players with the supporters, Gary will be taking his girlfriend Sue with him to Hong Kong.

QUEENSLAND

Taringa blew it

BY GREG RUSSELL

TARINGA Rovers missed their first Queensland XXXX League semi-final appearance when they were edged out on goal-difference last weekend.

Taringa blew the chance to assure themselves of a finals berth with a scoreless draw against Pine Rivers which allowed Easts to grab fifth spot with a last round 2-1 upset win over 1989 premiers North Star.

Easts — last year's grand final winners — and Taringa both finished with the same points and identical goal difference, but the Tigers were ranked higher, having scored 32 goals to Taringa's 30.

Premiers Lions sent Grange Thistle tumbling into the Second Division for the first time since 1977 when they came

back from a goal down to win 3-1. Joining This-tle will be Olympic United, whose relegation fate was decided several weeks ago.

Promoted from Division Two will be Nerang Eagles, who will make their XXXX League debut, and Brisbane Croatia who return to the top Division after a three-year battle to win promotion.

This weekend's XXXX League semi-final sees Brisbane City clash with North Star, for the right to meet Lions in the major semi-final, while Easts and Pine Rivers play for the survival in the knockout semi.

The matches will be played as a tripleheader with Lions' NSL promotion play-off game with Adelaide Hellas, starting at Perry Park at 1pm on Sunday.

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- The Level 2/3 BHP Coaches Manual is also available at a cost of \$27 plus \$3 postage.

The Charlie Yankos file



THE just concluded Independence Tournament in Jakarta was notable for one glaring absence.

It was the first time since October 1986 that the Socceroos were not led by their captain, Charlie Yankos.

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Monaro rocks the Saints

BY GRAHAM COOKE

LOWLY Inter Monaro reached up to topple high-flying St George with a 7-2 win at the Marco Polo Ground on Saturday.

It was easily Monaro's best display of the season while the Saints looked anything but top four material.

Hero for the Queanbeyan side was Baz Giampaolo who scored four goals, three laid on by Njegosh Popovich — while veteran Steve Bryant was outstanding in defence.

The first goal came after six minutes. Popovich got away on the right and slipped a pass for Giampaolo to tap home.

It should have been 2-0 two minutes later when Tilly Carbone and Popovich hit the bar in quick succession, but it was only a temporary hitch in the Monaro procession.

After 21 minutes Popovich rode a couple of tackles, found Giampaolo again, and the Monaro captain beat goalkeeper Andrew Prentic before placing his shot into an empty net.

Mario Jerman put St George back in the game with a scrambled goal on the half-hour, but the home side really took charge in the second half.

First Carbone showed all the experi-



Action from Sunday's Sutherland v Canterbury clash at Seymour Shaw Park — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

ence gained from his years in the game by taking his time before unleashing an explosive drive in the 64th

minute. The Popovich-Giampaolo combination worked again for Monaro's fourth and

Giampaolo's hat-trick 11 minutes later, then it was all Giampaolo when a cheeky lob that caught Prentic in no-man's land.

Andrew Monterosso joined in the goal rush, scoring just seven minutes after coming off the substitutes' bench.

Zoki Adioski grabbed Saints' second after dispossessing Craig Alchin a couple of metres outside the penalty area, but the big central defender made up for the error when he got on the score sheet himself with almost the last kick of the game.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, T. Popovich, B. Monterosso, Bryant, Alchin, Djordjic, Carbone, Ambrosino (Da Silva 79), N. Popovich, A. Popovich (A. Monterosso 73), Giampaolo.

ST GEORGE: Prentic, Centar, Adioski, Hickman, Folladisa, Watson, Diller, Freestone, Petrides (Dowling 76), Poric, Jerman (Balazsi 73).

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'Gong wins thriller

BY PAUL GOODWIN

gong won a thriller 2-1.

Both sides elected to play bright attacking soccer and despite a blank scoresheet at the end of 45 minutes, no fewer than 18 shots on goal were recorded.

Closest for Wollongong was Graeme Fletcher in the 41st minute when he ran onto a ball from the experienced Tony Morley and saw his powerful shot well saved by Michael Blanco.

The Macedonian side took a welcome lead in the 47th minute. A quick throw on the left side reached Adam Sandy at the edge of the box and his back-header found John Bradley who was able to steer the ball home at the far post from a few metres.

Macedonia continued to play attractively, but were caught out when a crossfield pass in defence was intercepted by Neal Hunter.

Hunter had only the 'keeper to beat but Wilson was able to get his body in the way of the shot, only for Glenn Jeffery to pick up the loose ball and provide Hunter with a second chance, which he took gladly for

an 84th minute equaliser.

With only four minutes remaining the Wollongong side made sure of the points when Adam Sandy made progress down the left flank and hit a swerving shot which went in off the far post to beat Blanco.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanagh, Dimov, Martin Bourke, Cabessi, Kay, Sandy, Bradley, Morley, Fletcher, Thornthwaite. **NORTH SHORE UNITED:** Blanco, Booth, Gillan, Crookes, Sutherland, Ferguson, Bradley (replacement Marando 57), Norman, Nils (Savdis 72), Hunter, Jeffery.

REFEREE: David Naylor.

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Spectacular Soper hat-trick

MARSHALL Soper sounded an early warning to opposing NSL defences with a spectacular hat-trick as Polonia thumped Sydney Croatia 6-1 at Chopin Park.

The brilliant spring afternoon was matched by Polonia's spectacular play and lethal finishing and after Jerzy Drys hammered home from 20 metres in the 22nd minute, Croatia were never in the game.

John Pillier, Croatia's midfielder,

was sent off after 30 minutes for dissent and Polonia added two goals in a minute to lead 3-0 at the interval.

Marshall Soper grabbed his first, firing home a through ball in the 39th minute and a minute later Gavin Thompson rifled home after the ball was nodded into his path.

Polonia continued to impress and just eight minutes into the second period added the fourth with Soper again on the end of a swift, flowing attack.

David Beamer netted in the 63rd minute before Manis Lamond reduced the deficit to four from the penalty spot after 73 minutes.

The match belonged to Polonia and Soper, who fittingly finished the game with a spectacular header to complete his hat-trick four minutes from time.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Robertson, C. Thompson, Kulwicki, Serjak, O. Thompson, Drys, Kealy, Sepping (Beamer), Soper, Nowicki.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Jones, Milicevic, Zizic, George, French, Ricoy, Allovic, Lamond, Pillier, Gonzales.

Berries hold Sharks

THE Berries held the home side Sutherland to a 1-1 draw at Seymour Shaw on Sunday after the teams were locked scoreless at halftime.



Goalmouth action at Seymour Shaw Park where home side Sutherland where held to a draw by Canterbury-Marrickville — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

With the early sultry weather and injuries to both squads neither side could gain the upper hand in a first half that saw chances at

both ends. Sutherland could have considered themselves unlucky when they hotly disputed what appeared to be a penalty following a

foul by a Canterbury defender but the teams remained deadlocked at the interval.

The home side suffered a setback in the 58th minute when experienced defender Jimmy Webber was sent off for a foul after being booked in the first half but the Sharks responded with a brilliant goal three minutes later.

Following a series of 1-2s involving Scott Lenny, Darryl Sharp and Grant Bard, leading scorer Bard rifled home his shot from just inside the box.

Canterbury to their credit threw everything at the home side and with 20 minutes remaining scored the equaliser.

From a disputed free kick just outside the Sutherland area the ball bobbled around the area before Michael Lardis nodded home.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Webber, Sellar, Terry, Biscaya, Christodoulou, Tasker (Edmonds), Sharp, Bard, Lenny.

CANTERBURY: Pupovac, Hantzis, Adamou, Kalogeros, J. Radman, B. Radman, Godzik, Divojak, Lardis, Dounis, Oustambasidis.

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Canberra	13	9	3	1	35	11	21
Sutherland Shire	14	6	7	1	23	11	19
St George	15	7	5	3	30	21	19
Warringah	14	8	1	5	22	15	17
Sydney Macedonia	13	7	2	4	21	19	16
Rockdale Ilinden	14	6	3	5	20	13	15
BHP Austral	12	5	4	3	12	8	14
Wollongong City	14	6	2	6	21	23	14
Avala	14	5	3	6	23	26	13
Sydney Croatia	14	4	5	5	23	26	13
Canterbury	15	3	7	5	16	23	13
Polonia	13	3	5	5	14	12	11
Blacktown City	12	4	2	6	19	20	10
North Shore Utd	13	3	2	8	11	28	8
Inter Monaro	12	2	2	8	16	25	6
Sydney Olympic	13	2	0	11	17	31	6
Marconi	13	2	2	9	10	35	6

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avala	14	8	3	3	24	15	19
Warringah	14	8	3	3	28	22	19
Blacktown City	13	8	2	3	22	12	18
Sydney Macedonia	14	6	5	3	28	20	17
Wollongong Mac	14	7	3	4	20	17	17
Canberra	13	5	6	2	23	12	16
Inter Monaro	12	6	4	2	20	13	16
Wollongong Mac	14	7	2	5	16	18	16
BHP Austral	12	5	5	2	21	13	15
Polonia	13	4	5	4	18	13	13
Sydney Croatia	13	5	3	5	21	19	13
Sutherland Shire	14	4	4	6	16	17	12
St George	15	3	6	6	18	25	12
Canterbury	14	4	3	8	17	30	11
North Shore Utd	13	4	2	7	18	22	10
Sydney Olympic	13	4	2	7	17	25	10
Rockdale Ilinden	12	3	0	9	14	21	6
Marconi	14	0	2	12	18	43	2

Olympic climb out of the cellar

THE young Sydney Olympic side climbed off the bottom of the ladder following their 3-0 victory at Marconi last Sunday in a match which offered double points for the winner.

In an extraordinary situation both Olympic's first and second grade sides gained four points for their victories at the weekend due to a backlog of matches. Olympic fielded

veteran keeper Gary Meier and star midfielder Kevin Hagan who was an inspiration to the young Olympians who netted through George Foundas, Michael Lardis and Soldakis.

Warringah wins

BY PAUL GOODWIN



STUART PORTER — sent off in the 43rd minute.

WARRINGAH Freshwater overcame a stubborn Rockdale Ilinden at Cromer Park to run out 1-0 winners on Saturday.

Rockdale looked the more purposeful in the opening stages, but with Frank Mikuletic in good form between the posts, they found it beyond them to score the all-important first goal.

A Greg Lerond freekick was headed into the keeper's arms by David Segreto in the seventh minute and when the impressive Zlatko Markovski slipped the ball to Stuart Porter in the ninth, it was Mikuletic who again denied the Rockdale striker, whose shot was on target.

Bruno Beddoni and Porter broke quickly after a Warringah attack had come unstuck in the 25th and when Porter eventually lined up his shot, the former Apia custodian got his feet in the way this time.

Warringah had their share of chances, especially Joe Iriarte, who laid on a diagonal ball for Grant Lee which split the defence and led to Lee shooting over the bar as he shook off a lunging defender in the 33rd minute.

Rockdale lost Porter in the 43rd minute when the striker was sent off for an unfair challenge on Glen Sterrey, who was policing a ball out

over the goalline at the time, with little, apparently, at stake.

Sterrey suffered a badly bruised ankle, but worse was to follow in the second half when Steven Knight was stretchered off with a long gash on his lower leg, requiring a hospital visit.

Argentine duo Pascual Battaglia and Iriarte combined soon after the restart, with Iriarte angling his shot over the bar.

The breakthrough came in the 69th minute, as supporters began to feel frustration at the direction of the game, which was becoming bogged down in midfield.

Anthony Versi received a through pass from Vic Massi wide on the right, and had a strong shot turned away by Keith Warren.

The ball was not cleared and Robert de Ceglie came steaming in to claim the winner, hitting the ball into an unguarded net from 20 metres.

There were chances for Rockdale to draw level from a series of late corners, but, somewhat shakily, Warringah held out.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Mikuletic, Etherington, Sterrey, Knight (Lombardo 53m), Battaglia, Lee, Massi, Morson, de Ceglie, Iriarte (Panetta 85m), Versi.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Naumovski, Segreto, Ralevski, Buchanan, Willis, Markovski, Lerond, Petrovski (Stojcevski 74m), Beddoni, Porter (sent off 43m).



BOB CATLIN

Socceroo keeper Bob Catlin could do little to prevent the Olympic onslaught and the four points went to the visitors.

MARCONI: Catlin, Suzor, Calic, Charlewood, Mammone, A. Surjan, Messina, Cam, Budini, Dell'Este, Licata (S. Surjan).

OLYMPIC: Meier, Pan-souris, Foundas, Hagan, Gardklotis, Papagiorgiou, Lardis, Soldakis, Aroujo, Chilas, Plataniotis.

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WED SEPT 5
State League: BHP Austral v Sydney Olympic, Austral Park 6pm, 8pm.
North Shore Utd v Blacktown City, Gabbie Stadium 7pm.

SELECTED STATE LEAGUE REPORTS
compiled by ALISTAIR RUSSELL



Action from Sunday's Sutherland v Canterbury clash at Seymour Shaw Park — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

EMPHATIC CANBERRA WIN

ALTHOUGH playing at home, Avala had a difficult task to contain the inform Canberra side, with their sights set firmly on promotion to the NSL.

Canberra Croatia won emphatically, 3-0.

Avala, without suspended Ashton, Radic and Berry and with new Yugoslav signing Miladin Kuc sidelined through injury, offered only token resistance to second placed Canberra.

Two defensive lapses allowed the visitors to take a commanding 2-0 lead at the break in an otherwise even first half.

Defender Doug Marcina's soft shot trickled through the legs of Avala keeper Angelo Radic after 23 minutes for the first and four minutes from the interval Canberra went 2-0 up when striker Stan Dukic latched onto a pass and rifled his shot home.

Croatia took command in the second period but had to wait until four minutes from time to add to the

INTER MONARO

The Polonia-Inter Monaro match had to be cancelled when Inter Monaro were unable to travel on the day.

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Macedonia win 1-0

UNDER a clear blue sky and bright sunshine Austral's visit to Jensen Park to play Sydney Macedonia proved a lucky day for the home team.

It was an interesting duel from the start between Newcastle's West Wallsend connection of Brett Porter and Macedonia's ex-Novocastrian Scott Baillie.

Newcastle took advantage of Robbie Ironside's exceptional talent by timing a couple of free kicks to his head at the far post, but the knock backs could not be converted by the Austral forwards.

The halftime scoreline of 0-0 seemed destined to be the final score until replacement Riste Ilieski decided to take on Austral's defence on the right wing and get into the box with only the keeper to beat.

Carter bravely sprinted off his line to make the save but collided heavily with the attacker.

Only minutes later Carter was replaced in goal by Austral striker Brett Porter and after the game was over the goalie was taken to hospital with suspected concussion and cuts behind the ear but there

was no malice in the tackle.

Scott Gresham came on to replace Porter up front.

Meanwhile, Scott Baillie was having an exceptional game in the Macedonia defence, making telling interceptions time and again.

He finished a great personal performance with a speculative lob stroke clearance from on the halfway line which stand-in keeper Porter misjudged in the brisk wind and allowed the ball to slip through his hands into the net.

This was in the 86th minute and sealed the game for the home side.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Sakovski, Plovski, Baillie, Arcosa, Kotsias, Fernandez, Glibert, Sproviski, Kadric.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen, Jones, Boogaard, Ironside, McWhirter, Meier, Bailey, Brandt, Porter, Miletic.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

BHP Austral v Avala Austral Park

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Marconi v Rockdale Ilinden Marconi Oval
Canberra Croatia v Warringah Deakin Oval
Wollongong City v Sydney Macedonia Brandon Park
Sydney Olympic — bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Canterbury v Inter Monaro Arlington Oval
Sydney Croatia v Sutherland Shire Croatian Sports
North Shore Utd v Polonia Cromer Park
Blacktown City v Wollongong Mac Gabbie Stadium
St George — bye

DIVISION TWO

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 • SEMI-FINAL A

Southern Dist v Dulwich Hill Bensley Rd 3pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 • SEMI-FINAL B

Petersham v Fairfield City Popondetta Park 3pm

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 • SEMI-FINAL A

Port Hacking v Mt Pritchard Jensen Park 3pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 • SEMI-FINAL B

3 v 4 Jensen Park 3pm

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 • SEMI-FINAL B

2 v 4 Valentine Park No 1 3pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 • SEMI-FINAL A

1 v 3 Valentine Park No 1 3pm

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 • SEMI-FINAL B

2 v 4 Valentine Park No 2 3pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 • SEMI-FINAL A

1 v 3 Valentine Park No 2 3pm

All early game semi-finals 1pm

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7 • SEMI-FINAL B

2 v 4 Valentine Park, 6.30pm, 8.30pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 • SEMI-FINAL A

1 v 3 Valentine Park, 1pm, 3pm

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

Sth Districts promoted

BY PAUL GOODWIN

LAST Wednesday night's restaged match between Waverley and Southern Districts was full of interest and the 2-2 result was probably a fair indication of the pattern of play.

Waverley were at their best in the first half and had Districts in trouble on many occasions.

Frank Leyden was dominant in the air within sight of goal and after heading wide early on brought out the best in goalkeeper Tony Munford when heading on a Joe Watson freekick at the 17-minute mark.

Aytec Genc was also a key figure and had the best opportunity for the competition leaders, shooting just wide in the 30th, soon after Leo Ulloa had done likewise.

Waverley took the lead in the 36th when Barry Walker scored from the penalty spot after Steve Milloy had been brought down.

In the second half Southern Districts hit top gear and Waverley were on the back foot for at least the first 20 minutes.

During this period Districts found the net twice and looked set to run away with the game.

Genc won the ball wide on the right in the 51st minute, cut inside and when his shot hit the left upright Darren Read raced in to drive the rebound past Perry Stanbrook.

Nine minutes later, Genc deceived the 'keeper with a dipping long-range freekick which hit the underside of the bar and was scrambled away to safety.

In the 67th Ulloa cracked the ball into the net from fully 30 metres after seizing on a bungled clearance to give his side the lead and a chance to wrap the title there and then.



AYTEC GENC

Waverley, however, found their second wind and after Stanbrook had saved well from Ulloa in the 76th minute, the home team drew level.

Alec Robertson put an 80th minute long-range freekick over to the far post where Frank Leyden rose above the others in a crowded goalmouth to find the top left corner of the net with his expertly timed header.

Fairfield City wound up their scheduled programme with a 1-0 win over Rosebery at the same ground one day later.

Bruno Ciarmella controlled the ball well 20 metres outside the Rosebery area before hitting the vital winner in the 75th minute.

Alberto Arbelo had twice missed narrowly and Fairfield hung on under intense Rosebery pressure in the last 15 minutes.

Rosebery had hit the crossbar in the first half and did the same in the second, thanks to George Mitris, with the goalie beaten.

Waverley wound up their season with a 1-1 draw at Coral Sea Park against Campbelltown.

Significantly, Barry Walker kept his chances of finishing as leading scorer alive with an equaliser 17 seconds into stoppage time.

Richard Celarc had put the Vikings into a 44th minute lead and the visitors looked set to

clinch victory until Walker struck for yet another late contribution to Waverley's cause.

Superior

Southern Districts United Soccer Club affirmed their superiority in Second Division when they convincingly defeated nearest rivals Dulwich Hill 3-1 at Arlington Oval on Sunday.

Districts took the lead in the 10th minute when a corner from the left was swung wide and nodded back by Birol Sertbas to the left side of the penalty box and Leo Ulloa drove the ball firmly into the net.

The visitors went further ahead in the 29th minute with a Sertbas penalty after Ulloa had been brought down by Zaja Jabrael one minute later a superb cross by Peter Dameski provided Dennis Duarte with a chance to pull back one goal before the break.

In the second half of a game which was full of interest, play swung from end to end with many narrow escapes before Southern Districts sealed promotion and the premiership in the 90th minute.

Fittingly, it was Aytec Genc the inspiration of so much of Districts' good play this season who finished off a nice move begun by Filipovic.

Gladesville came from behind to defeat Petersham 2-1 at Christie Park. Goals from Justin Young in the 65th minute and Bernie Voloder, a penalty in the 75th minute, were enough to cancel out an earlier penalty for Petersham put away after an initial save by the keeper by David Batten.

Semis

THE weekend sees the staging of the Division Two semi-finals, an event which failed to take place last season, much to everyone's disappointment.

For Dulwich Hill Madeira it will be a chance to bring the club's most successful season ever to a natural conclusion, with a championship pennant.

For Southern Districts, their opponents in Saturday's major semi-final at Bensley Road, it will be a chance for both first grade and under 19s to make a clean sweep.

A huge crowd should be in attendance, but there will probably be more at Popondetta Park on Sunday for the sudden-death game between Fairfield and Petersham.

ARENA'S CHALLENGE

BY DAVID SMEDLEY

NEGOTIATIONS for a televised 1990/91 Arena Football League should prove productive, according to the Australian Futsal Association president, Charlie Perkins.

The latest possibility being looked at is a spread of programming across the three major commercial networks, Perkins told ASW.

On July 25 1990 the Australian Futsal Federation held the inaugural East-West Challenge at Homebush Stadium.

The night was also the launching pad of the new James Hardie Arena Football League.

Perkins told ASW that he expected the League to kick off early November.

He stated that the standard would be very high and would be based around the new Arena concept.

That new concept concentrates on a fast moving exciting game that is extremely attractive to the television viewer.

More goals, with a varied point system, bright uniforms, four quarters and special effects such as a band and cheerleaders.

The major problem that faces the Federation, and the clubs preparing for this seasons League, is the unsecured television contracts.

For the indoor clubs to participate in a televised League considerable corporate sponsorship would be needed to cover costs.

However at this point a Catch 22 situation develops.

Without a completed contract the clubs have no basis on which to attract sponsors.

The clubs themselves — not knowing what time, length, or even channel a televised League would be seen on — cannot, and justifiably so, expect sponsors to invest.

Futsal Federation



JOE BRENT

chairman Joe Brent believes, as Perkins does, that a resolution is close at hand.

He told ASW that the major problem was the varied production costs being quoted to the Federation.

"The original indication of production costs we received has since been increased by 100%."

"We have asked for a breakdown of costs for the new amount but as yet we haven't received them."

"However all negotiations are being carried out by Charlie Perkins now and I believe we are getting close to a resolution."

Mike Raymond the Director of Sport for the Australian Television Network (ATN 7) told ASW that the costs of televised sport was very extensive.

Raymond who overlooks the running of the successful National Basketball League telecasts, stated that the cost of a weekly broadcast of five basketball matches was approximately \$300,000.

The injection of funds from large sponsors towards teams and the League could cover costs that would apply to the Futsal National League.

The viability of the game for television has already been proved, the interest of clubs is absolute, and the Federation has the best interest of the game at heart.

A truly successful, televised National Indoor League can be established in this country.

Every effort is being made to put it in place on commercial television without delay.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Southern Dist.	26	18	5	3	61	22	41
Dulwich Hill	26	15	7	4	51	20	37
Fairfield City	26	10	12	4	33	24	32
Petersham	26	11	8	6	32	24	31
Gl'ville H'by	26	9	11	6	48	34	29
Mt Druff Town	26	10	7	9	28	27	27
Central Coast	26	11	5	10	32	32	27
Waverley	26	8	10	8	37	37	26
Auburn Yugal	26	8	8	10	25	29	24
Camp'town V.	26	8	8	10	35	41	24
Gl'ville Chile	26	8	7	11	29	36	23
Rosebery	26	8	5	13	33	49	21
Manly W'gh	26	6	7	13	30	38	19
Orange War	26	0	3	23	19	60	3



FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

West Dist.	22	17	3	2	67	28	37
Prospect Utd.	22	15	1	6	51	21	31
Sporting Peru	22	14	1	7	46	39	29
Macquarie Uni	22	12	3	7	47	35	27
Ashour Star	22	10	7	5	42	36	27
Alexander	22	8	6	8	44	44	22
CSI Schofields	22	9	1	12	43	48	19
Lithgow	22	6	5	11	31	36	17
Chile Sports	22	6	5	11	30	54	17
Sydney Uni	22	6	3	13	36	48	15
GNS United	22	6	2	14	24	40	14
Maccabi	22	4	1	17	22	56	9

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 2

Sydney Uni	22	18	4	0	78	17	40
Alexander	22	14	4	4	71	33	32
West Dist H.	22	15	2	5	67	28	32
Prospect Utd.	22	11	8	3	51	27	36
Macquarie Uni	22	13	3	4	47	26	29
CSI Schofields	22	7	3	12	38	43	17
Sporting Peru	22	6	5	11	31	51	17
Chile Sports	22	6	5	11	23	47	17
Lithgow	22	6	3	13	26	48	15
Ashour Star	22	6	2	14	29	73	14
Maccabi Hk.	22	4	3	15	26	45	11
GNS United	22	4	2	16	27	68	10

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 1

Pagewood Bol	22	15	4	3	48	16	34
Penrith	22	14	6	2	41	20	34
Abuzzi	22	10	6	6	42	29	26
Fogolar Furlan	22	10	5	7	45	25	25
Balmain	22	11	3	6	44	30	25
New Welcome	22	10	5	7	31	25	25
Assyrian	22	9	5	6	32	26	23
Liverpool City	22	8	5	9	31	35	21
St Josephs	22	8	6	8	42	41	20
Pontian Eagles	22	4	4	14	23	48	12
Liverpool Oly	22	5	2	15	25	54	12
Cobrelia	22	3	3	17	16	71	7

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 2

Penrith	22	15	5	2	78	23	35
Pagewood Bol	22	11	7	4	70	26	29
Liverpool City	22	13	3	6	54	29	29
Liverpool Oly	22	11	5	6	71	35	27
Abuzzi	22	11	6	6	47	17	27
Fogolar Furlan	22	8	6	8	56	38	24
Balmain	22	9	5	8	37	33	23
New Welcome	22	9	4	9	44	42	22
St Josephs	22	8	5	9	34	35	21
Pontian E.	22	8	4	10	39	43	20
Assyrian	22	1	3	18	11	116	5
Cobrelia	22	1	0	21	16	116	2

Topscores

Dennis Duarte (Dulwich Hill) and Barry Walker (Waverley) ended the championship with a goal apiece. As a result they jointly topped the scoring table with 17 goals each.

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE A

Warringah v Rockdale Ilinden	1-0	1-3
Marconi v Sydney Olympic	0-3	1-2
Avala v Canberra Croatia	0-3	1-1
Sydney Mac v BHP Austral	1-0	0-2

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

Polonia v Inter Monaro	NP	NP
Inter Monaro v St George	7-2	3-2
Sutherland Shire v Canterbury	1-1	0-0
Polonia v Sydney Croatia	6-1	1-1
Wollongong Mac v North Shore Utd	2-1	2-0

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Waverley v Campbelltown	1-1	2-4
Rosebery v Fairfield City	0-1	for
Auburn Yugal v Central Coast	1-1	3-5
Dulwich Hill v Southern Districts	2-3	2-1
Orange Waratahs v Granville Chile	0-1	aban
Mt Druff v Manly Warringah	1-0	1-5
Gladesville v Petersham	2-1	2-2

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Bankstown v Mt Pritchard	4-2	2-2
Uni of NSW v Cyprus United	1-4	3-5
Port Hacking v Lemnos Allstars	1-3	2-1
Bathurst v Concordia	4-1	for
West Wanderers v Canterbury & Dist	0-1	2-2
North Ryde v Hills United	2-3	0-3

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

Rangers Hajduk v Arncliffe	2-1	2-1
Belmore v Spanish Club	1-1	0-5
Trasandinos v Concord Juniors	2-2	0-2
Colo Colo v Hawkesbury Dist	1-2	3-2
Rooty Hill v Nineveh Eagles	2-0	1-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Sporting Peru v CSI Schofields	2-0	
Alexander v Lithgow Workmen	2-2	4-1
GNS United v Sydney Uni	2-1	0-2
Sporting Peru v Macquarie Uni	2-1	1-4
W.D. Hellas v Prospect United	2-3	1-2
CSI Schofields v Maccabi Hakoah	1-0	4-0
Chile Sports v Ashour Star	3-2	1-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

Assyrian v Pagewood Botany	0-2	0-8
Penrith v Liverpool City	1-1	2-2
Abuzzi v Cobrelia	6-0	9-0
Fogolar Furlan v Liverpool Oly	9-0	1-10
Pontian Eagles v St Josephs	1-1	2-4
New Welcome v Balmain	1-0	1-0

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Canadian Indian visitors

CANADIAN SCHEDULE

SUN SEPT 2 CHANDLER, vs AUSTRALIA
MON SEPT 3 CHANDLER, vs BRISBANE
TUE SEPT 4 KEMPSEY, vs KEMPSEY
THU SEPT 6 FAIRFIELD LS, vs AUSTRALIA
FRI SEPT 7 FAIRFIELD LS, vs SYDNEY
SAT SEPT 8 WOLLONGONG, vs WOLLONGONG
MON SEPT 10 DICKSON COLLEGE, vs AUSTRALIA

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H'berg Utd	32	22	7	4	75	21	51
Altona Gate	32	22	6	4	79	22	50
Morwell	32	19	7	6	83	35	45
Fawkner	32	18	5	10	81	42	41
St Albans	32	19	2	12	38	32	40
Bulleen	32	14	10	8	60	41	38
M'cola City	32	15	5	12	57	52	35
Thomastown	32	13	8	11	51	39	34
Croydon City	32	14	6	12	57	47	34
Cauffield	32	15	1	16	55	54	31
Box Hill	32	10	5	17	36	54	25
R'wood City	31	11	3	17	42	53	25
Green Gully	33	9	6	15	45	66	24
F'ston Pines	33	3	8	22	46	90	14
Mooroolbark	31	3	8	20	15	69	14
M'bour City	32	4	5	23	30	119	13
Albion	31	3	6	22	26	80	12

VIC 1 FIRSTS

Devonport	23	14	8	3	36	18	34
Oakleigh	23	15	4	4	41	24	34
Springvale City	23	13	7	3	43	23	33
Westgate	23	11	7	5	41	22	29
Knox City	23	11	6	3	36	30	28
Port Melbourne	23	7	13	3	27	28	27
Nth Geelong	23	9	5	9	39	36	27
Western Suburbs	23	7	6	10	5	31	20
Essendon City	23	7	6	10	25	20	19
Mordialloc	23	7	5	11	14	22	19
Werribee	23	6	6	11	27	31	18
Marib. Polonia	23	3	11	9	23	37	17
Brooklands	23	3	4	16	13	31	10
Sandringham	23	3	4	16	14	41	10

VIC ONE RESERVES

Doveville	23	17	6	0	60	17	40
Sth Geelong	23	16	2	4	64	26	34
Oakleigh	23	12	6	5	42	23	30
Port Melbourne	23	12	5	6	45	28	29
Springvale City	23	11	4	8	34	25	26
Knox City	23	9	5	4	44	23	22
Essendon City	23	8	6	3	36	30	22
Marib. Polonia	23	8	6	3	35	44	22
Western Suburbs	23	8	3	12	54	19	18
Brooklands	23	8	3	12	43	67	19
Werribee	23	6	6	11	27	31	18
Sandringham	23	4	14	24	46	14	14
Westgate	23	4	13	24	58	14	10
Mordialloc	23	3	4	16	26	75	10

VIC TWO FIRSTS

Brighton	23	14	4	5	38	26	32
Kallaroo	23	15	1	6	44	20	31
Bell Park	23	11	9	3	29	13	31
Munawarra City	23	8	9	6	36	30	25
Chelsea	23	9	7	7	37	32	24
Doncaster	23	7	10	6	29	27	24
Clifton Hill	23	9	6	8	24	25	24
Waverley City	23	7	8	6	29	25	22
Geelong	23	8	6	9	25	26	22
Dandenong	23	9	4	10	35	32	22
Richmond	23	7	6	10	17	24	20
Sunbury United	23	7	5	11	34	35	18
Coburg	23	5	3	14	20	42	18
Ringwood Utd	23	2	8	15	20	50	10

VIC TWO RESERVES

Clifton Hill	23	17	2	3	56	20	36
Waverley City	23	15	3	5	45	23	33
Doncaster	23	13	6	3	33	19	32
Brighton	23	12	5	5	38	21	31
Kallaroo	23	12	5	4	47	29	28
Sunbury United	23	11	4	8	37	26	25
Bell Park	23	9	7	7	35	24	25
Dandenong	23	9	5	9	34	32	23
Richmond	23	9	4	10	47	22	22
Geelong	23	7	4	11	24	39	18
Munawarra City	23	6	12	4	36	16	16
Chelsea	23	4	12	17	73	9	9
Coburg	23	4	11	17	74	9	9
Ringwood Utd	23	2	0	20	11	89	4

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	23	15	6	2	44	23	36
Altona City	23	15	5	3	55	27	35
Seaford Utd	23	12	5	6	46	29	29
Holland Park	23	11	7	5	42	25	29
Clarendon	23	10	6	7	35	19	26
Lalor United	23	8	7	8	35	32	23
Corio-Geelong	23	6	10	7	38	35	22
Heidelberg City	23	6	10	7	19	25	22
Moorabbin City	23	6	8	9	23	30	20
Clayton	23	5	9	9	34	41	19
ELDLam Valley	23	6	5	11	33	17	17
Springvale Utd	23	7	3	12	24	47	13
Warrington	23	5	3	15	29	49	13
Yarraville	23	2	8	13	15	40	12

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Lalor United	23	15	5	3	43	25	35
Moorabbin City	23	15	4	4	62	23	34
Altona City	23	16	1	6	51	29	33
Clayton	23	14	3	6	50	18	31
Seaford Utd	23	13	4	6	54	26	30
ELDLam Valley	23	11	4	7	47	36	25
Clarendon	23	11	1	11	41	37	23
Bentleigh Green	23	8	3	12	43	50	19
Corio-Geelong	23	7	4	11	39	43	18
Heidelberg City	23	7	1	15	30	58	15
Mornington	23	7	1	15	30	58	15
Springvale Utd	23	5	4	13	42	58	14

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

East Bruns-Ivan	23	14	6	3	46	19	34
Oakleigh Sub	23	14	6	2	45	23	34
Pascoe Vale	23	14	6	2	45	25	34
Regent	23	12	5	6	45	23	29
Spring Condors	23	12	3	8	45	21	27
More Park Rang	23	8	9	6	29	30	25
Hawthorn	23	10	3	10	43	36	23
Langwarrin	23	7	7	8	20	22	21
Karingal Utd	23	7	7	9	35	41	21
Hanly Rangers	23	6	8	8	35	44	21
Hamlyn Gully	23	3	8	12	22	47	14
Boronia	23	4	6	12	27	53	14
Rosanna	23	4	5	14	24	44	13
Yallourn	23	1	6	15	21	55	8

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

East Bruns-Ivan	23	19	3	1	63	19	41
Langwarrin	23	14	2	6	56	30	38
Spring Condors	23	12	4	6	56	27	28
Hamlyn Rangers	23	12	4	6	46	28	28
More Park Rang	23	10	8	4	44	28	28
Karingal Utd	23	10	6	7	48	27	25
Pascoe Vale	23	10	5	7	32	30	25
Boronia	23	9	2	12	45	60	20
Hawthorn	23	9	2	12	45	60	20
Rosanna	23	6	5	12	29	38	17
Oakleigh Sub	23	6	4	12	37	42	16
Fernfree Gully	23	5	6	12	25	47	16
Regent	23	5	4	13	15	33	14
Yallourn	23	1	3	18	7	91	5

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Cranebourne	23	16	2	5	35	10	34
Sth Dandenong	23	13	7	3	54	27	33
Sth Werribee	23	13	6	4	56	31	32
Melton	23	13	5	5	47	21	31
Nth Sunshine	23	11	5	7	36	27	27
Altona East	24	11	5	8	34	30	27
Melton	24	9	6	9	44	35	24
Williamstown	24	7	10	7	28	32	21
Westvale	24	7	10	7	28	32	21
Bruswick City	24	7	10	7	28	32	21
Bentleigh Utd	24	6	8	10	41	34	28
Forest Hill	23	8	2	13	37	43	18
East Geelong	23	4	8	11	19	41	16
Melb Ranger	23	4	5	14	23	51	13
Keyborough	23	2	5	15	18	67	9

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Melburn City	23	16	4	3	33	38	36
Sth Dandenong	23	14	3	8	59	24	31
Sth Werribee	23	14	3	8	59	24	31
Melton	23	11	8	5	39	27	28
Westvale	24	11	6	8	45	30	26
Williamstown	24	12	6	8	45	30	26
Sth Werribee	23	18	7	6	52	34	27
Nth Sunshine	23	10	7	6	41	23	27
Altona East	24	11	5	8	52	40	27
Melb Ranger	23	9	6	8	33	33	24
Bentleigh City	24	9	4	11	36	48	22
Cranebourne	23	8	4	13	40	44	16
East Geelong	23	5	6	12	32	51	16
Forest Hill	23	4	6	13	29	57	16
Bruswick City	24	2	6	15	25	59	10
Keyborough	23	3	4	16	23	62	10

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Frankston Utd	25	18	4	3	61	26	40
Sth Springvale	24	17	5	2	53	19	38
Lalor	25	15	6	4	52	25	36
Ascot St Marks	25	15	4	6	56	26	34
Lyndale Utd	25	14	4	7	51	37	32
Ballarat	25	12	7	6	40	25	31
Meadow Park	25	13	4	8	47	48	36
Brands Park	25	9	5	11	34	43	23
Stratford Utd	24	7	10	28	32	21	21
Fitzroy City	25	7	7	11	28	24	21
Waverley Utd	24	7	4	13	31	38	18
Port United	25	6	8	13	29	52	18
Unif. of Melb	25	6	5	14	27	42	17
New Eagles	25	5	4	16	31	63	14
South Yarra	25	3	5	17	21	50	11
R'wood Rovers	24	3	5	16	20	49	11

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Ballarat	25	16	5	4	68	28	37
Sth Springvale	24	15	5	4	59	24	35
Meadow Park	25	14	6	5	53	36	34
Unif. of Melb.	25	14	4	7	58	32	32
Ascot St Marks	25	14	2	9	57	38	30
Frankston Utd	24	12	6	6	29	17	30
Lyndale Utd	24	12	5	7	40	32	28
Brands Park	25	7	8	10	28	38	22
Waverley Utd	24	9	4	11	35	48	22
Fitzroy City	25	10	2	13	45	67	22
Sth Yarra	25	8	4	13	49	50	20
Lalor	24	6	7	11	37	34	19
Port United	24	8	3	13	33	52	19
Brandan Park	24	6	6	12	36	47	18
Rwood Rovers	24	5	6	13	31	56	16
Kew Eagles	25	0	7	18	19	70	10



Heidelberg clinch NSL play-off spot

BY GREG BLAKE AND DAVID BULLOCK

HEIDELBERG clinched its second Victorian State League championship in three seasons in emphatic style last Sunday as it trounced reigning title holder Morwell Falcons 4-1 at Olympic Village.

With the news that Croydon had dropped a home point, the Heidelberg contingent had every reason to celebrate its achievement but coach Len McKendry is still not prepared to start popping the champagne corks.

McKendry said his players should enjoy what they've achieved but cautioned that the job was still only half done.

"Now we've got to look ahead to the play-offs," he said as the Heidelberg faithful partied on in the club-rooms.

"Today was a great result and it's been a great achievement to score 80 goals for the season.

"But there is a job still ahead of us."

On Sunday's form Heidelberg must start the NSL play-offs as luke-warm favourite.

It took on and thrashed a very good Morwell team which, with an ounce of luck, might have taken in a half-time lead.

The Heidelberg machine rolled out its meanest welcome for the Latrobe Valley side and dominated early play with a 15th minute volley from Paul Lewis setting the Bergers on their way.

But Morwell, true to its recent form, hit back hard and Billy Wright's 43rd minute equaliser might have put the visitors in front had Frank McGrellis not been denied by the woodwork minutes earlier.

Heidelberg's second half was devastating.

Led by man-of-the-match Phil Stubbins, who scored twice and had a hand in the other two, Heidelberg cantered away to leave Morwell coach Bobby McLachlan singing their praise.

"They were very purposeful and aggressive and they played like real champions," he conceded.

"Full credit to them and hopefully for Victoria's sake they'll get back into the NSL."

Dave Reynolds might have saved Stubbins' 53rd minute header which put Heidelberg in front but there was nothing fortunate about the home team's whirl-

wind finish.

Stubbins set up Goutzoulis to make it 3-1 in the 62nd minute and Stubbins himself managed number four from a free kick with seven minutes to play.

Heidelberg's only real problem on the eve of the play-offs is an injury to Alan Scott.

Scott pulled out of Sunday's team with a thigh problem and he is rated only a 50/50 chance for the first of the NSL play-off games.

Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina was at the game to watch the form of highly-rated Morwell front man Gordon Scott.

CROYDON 2 MELBOURNE JUST 2

Croydon City's title challenge all but ended when they struggled to a draw against a determined Melbourne JUST.

On a heavy Croydon Park surface, JUST dominated proceedings from the outset.

In the 24th minute Carlos Retre gave JUST the lead with a brilliant solo effort. Collecting the ball on the left flank, he carried the ball beating three defenders along the way with only the goalkeeper to beat, he hit a low shot past John McKinlay.

Croydon drew level 13 minutes later when Greg Brack headed a corner kick past JUST keeper Dragan Aralic.

Retre regained the lead for JUST early in the second half when he seized upon a poor back pass from Andy McMillan. Reacting quickly to the mistake, Retre easily slotted the ball past McKinlay.

Ten minutes from fulltime Retre came close to bringing up his hat-trick but his shot went just wide of the post and three minutes remaining Croydon drew level when David Klepac tapped the ball past the hapless Aralic after collecting a pass from Stuart MacArthur.

BOXHILL 0 NORTHCOTE 3

Northcote City inflicted Box Hill's 25th defeat of the season as they scored a comfortable victory to continue their recent run of good form.

Box Hill, who are now odds-on favourite to become the only State League side to go without a win in a season, had no answer to Northcote's fire power and overall ground strength.



It's a scramble, but Fawkner keeper Zoran Nikitovic comes out to claim the ball in this spectacular high-flying action under challenge from Thomastown's Gerry McAleer (striped shirt).

Photo: JOE MONTEMURRO.

Goals from George Kouremenos, Neil Mills and Manny Anezakis made sure Northcote maintained their mid-table position.

FRANKSTON 1 THOMASTOWN 5

Thomastown completely destroyed Frankston Pines with an awesome second half display to score a magnificent victory.

Thomastown, who showed so much promise earlier in the season, finally displayed the form that has been lacking of late, with Don MacLaren stealing the show with a superb performance.

Pines took the lead midway through the first half from an Ian Weir goal. But Thomastown equalised one minute later when Gerry McAleer put his shot past Pines keeper Lee Davies.

The second half became the Don McLaren show as the former NFL star helped himself to a brilliant hat-trick while Con Tsangas also put his name on the scoresheet.

ALTONA GATE 1 MOOROOLBARK 3

Mooroolbark moved another step closer to clinching a berth in the top 12 for next year's proposed Super League after defeating Altona Gate 3-1.

The Barkers who have collected 17 points from their last 11 matches raced to a 3-0 lead at

half-time in scintillating style with goals from David Brogan, Jimmy Campbell and David McCallum.

With such a daunting task to make up the leeway, Altona Gate proved why they are one of the most competitive sides in the competition with a never-say-die second half onslaught.

They completely overwhelmed Mooroolbark with brilliant one-touch football after having a goal disallowed by referee Jim Hogg. Altona Gate were finally rewarded for their effort in the 69th minute when Ilija Tasevski found the back of the net.

Mooroolbark held on grimly in defence to finally collect the valuable win.

Graeme French was both a delighted and relieved coach after the match and went on to say Altona were the best footballing side in the State League.

RINGWOOD 1 BULLEEN 2

"It was our worst game this season, we didn't chase or tackle at all," they were the stern words of a disappointed Bulleen coach Andy Bozikas after his side had managed to register a win that in hindsight should never have occurred.

After such a disappointing season Ringwood mustered up all their pride and displayed tenacious soccer which left their more fancied opponents

wondering what had hit them.

Ringwood came close twice in the opening 15 minutes to scoring with efforts from Des Shannon and Chris Smith both going perilously close.

In the 32nd minute Bulleen took the lead when Fabio Incantalupo found Darren Tuck unmarked inside the box.

Tuck made no mistake, firing his shot past a hapless Ringwood keeper Glenn Clarke.

Within a minute Ringwood had a chance to draw level when a penalty was awarded after John Corvan had been brought down in the area.

Mickey Maguire blasted the resulting penalty kick against the crossbar.

Ringwood finally drew level two minutes from half-time when Des Shannon headed home from close range into the roof of the net.

After missing several half-chances, Ringwood were dealt a cruel blow two minutes from full-time. A free kick from Incantalupo was met by Anthony Grbac from four metres.

Grbac fired his shot into the back of the net to give Bulleen the most unlikely of victories.

Bulleen coach Andy Bozikas simply summed up Ringwood's performance by saying "they deserved a lot more for their effort".

FAWKNER 1 GREEN GULLY 2

Green Gully won the battle for a coveted place in the top four when it squeaked home 2-1 at Fawkner on Sunday.

In a hard fought match Gully, according to star front man Kevin Harrison, was "probably lucky to come away with a win."

"Fawkner played really well in the second half," Harrison admitted. Gully's magnificent first half seemed to have set the former NSL side up for a comfortable win with goals in quick succession to Harrison and Tommy Daley giving the visitors a two-goal buffer.

But Fawkner, probably the most improved side in the State League this season, produced a marvellous second half but had to content with just a single goal in reply from Harry Cardwell.

The spotlight was well and truly on Harrison who's blossoming reputation as a clinical finisher has put him

under the microscope of more than one NSL club.

But Harrison, who admitted to being flattered by the attention of one interstate club, said there was little chance of his moving into the NSL at this stage, at least with a non-Victorian club.

"It's not long since I bought my wife and son over from New Zealand and we're just starting to get settled," he explained.

"It would be a big upheaval to move again.

"I'm not completely discounting the possibility though as I certainly would like to play in the NSL."

ALBION 2 ST ALBANS 1

Albion managed to rise to the occasion to win its final home game of the season despite the shock resignation of coach Ian Wallace less than one week ago.

On Sunday Albion rolled St Albans 2-1 thanks to goals from Peter Kadlicek and Andrew Freund.

But the real story of the week was the end of Wallace's sometimes stormy reign as the Albion boss.

The former Scottish international star had already left the club earlier this season only to be coaxed back by the Albion committee.

He resigned again 10 days ago after Albion's Dockerty Cup defeat at the hands of Morwell Falcons.

Neither Wallace or the club is prepared to comment on the shock resignation although one Albion official admitted that Wallace had done a "marvellous job" in taking the club out of the First Division last season.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

Heidelberg United	33	23	4	6	80	28	50
Croydon City	33	19	9	5	58	35	47
B'wick Juventus	33	20	6	7	53	23	46
Green Gully	33	18	4	11	55	37	40
Fawkner	33	16	7	10	51	37	39
Bulleen	33	15	8	10	49	43	38
Morwell	33	13	11	9	47	37	37
Albion	32	15	7	10	37	29	37
Altona Gate	33	11	12	10	41	37	34
N'cote City	33	14	6	13	50	52	34
Thomastown	33	13	8	12	41	47	34
St Albans	33	10	10	13	35	40	30
Melb. City JUST	32	9	10	13	36	43	28
Caulfield	33	10	8	15	37	42	28
Mooroolbark	31	10	7	14	31	41	27
R'wood City	33	6	8	24	39	62	18
F'ston Pines	33	4	7	27	21	68	15
Box Hill	33	0	8	25	16	70	8



Melbourne giants remain unsettled

FROM TONY ABATE, JUVENTUS FAN

BRUNSWICK United Juventus, one of the oldest and proudest Victorian soccer clubs is facing an identity crisis, very much like an insecure adolescent.

Juve, as Victoria's premier Italian based club, has always been one of this state's glamour clubs.

National Soccer League champions in 1985, there was always a possibility that Brunswick could be one of this country's most successful sides during the 1980s.

However since relegation a couple of years ago the club has been striving to get back into the top flight.

Different coaches have been tried.

Investments have been made in the transfer market.

Experienced players have been persisted with.

Even a new 'home' ground has been suggested as the cure-all.

The club suffered a bad start to the 1990 season.

After six weeks under new coach Roberto Vieri, the club was languishing in the lower depths of the Victorian league.

Vieri was soon given his marching orders and ex-Welsh international Terry Hennessey has done a commendable job getting 'Juve' back in contention.

However recent losses to Ringwood Wilhelmina and Albion Turk Gucu have all but sealed the club's fate this year.

Hennessey keeps referring back to Juventus' first six weeks as their downfall this season.

Perhaps his comments are justified.

Signings

However the root of Juve's current problems lie in 1989.

Manfred Schaefer, after developing the side in 1989, could have led the club to the title this year had he been enticed to reject Apia's offer.

Both Vieri and Hennessey were forced to start from



Brunswick Juventus captain Brian Brown hoists the Dockerty Cup aloft in the good old days for the famous Melbourne club.

scratch. Brunswick's dealings in the transfer market have not exactly paid off. Apart from McNichol, who came from Queensland

side Rochdale, the other signings have been nothing but average at the best of times.

Questions must be raised over the decision to re-sign Brian Brown, who was plucked out of obscurity from Victorian League side Sandringham.

Martin Woodall has done nothing special since coming from Preston Makedonia, whilst Damien Mori is having trouble settling in if his stints on the substitute bench are any indication.

The content of the Brunswick Juventus side must also be put to scrutiny when analysing the club's inability to win the title.

Some of the club faithful believe that some of the players are simply too old for State League soccer, or have seen better days.

Brown's re-emergence has already been questioned.

Others include Peter Laumets, Sean Lane and Charlie Egan.

Some would argue, Juventus needs a youthful team full of enthusiasm, not a bunch of mature players playing out their last days in soccer.

Home

Internal factors are not the only reasons why clubs don't win championships.

Externalities play a big part too.

Juventus has no real home playing base; unlike its Italian counterparts Bulleen Veneto or Fawkner Azzurri.

After many years at Olympic Park, the club transferred its home games to Middle Park as a result of a transfer deal involving Mike Petersen to South Melbourne Hellas.

However nothing has really changed.

Juventus still remains the 'gypsy' side of the league.

A home ground is more than a place to play soccer.

To the home team it should represent a sacred soil where it can feel totally at home.

An away side should at least be intimidated of playing on a foreign ground, but with Juventus it is like playing at a neutral venue.

This was partly evident during the side's shock 1-0 loss to Ringwood Wilhelmina at home.

It must also be noted that Juventus simply don't have the strike power to win a State League title.

They have rarely kicked more than two goals in a match this season and apart from Brian McNichol have no class strikers.

By contrast, Heidelberg and Croydon have scored more goals.

The Bergers are ironically coached by Len McKendry, the man who led Juventus to success in the mid '80s.

Juventus will not win the State League title until they get a fixed supporter base.

Italians in Melbourne, if attendances can be used as an indicator, are not as passionate about their soccer as Greeks, Croatians or Macedonians.

It is the rank and file supporter who generates money for the Melbourne clubs, who don't have the luxury of poker machines like their New South Wales counterparts.

Until Juventus starts to attract sizeable crowds to its games it will always be short on funds to buy quality players.

After all, Juve president Joe Mirabella can't keep funding player purchases for ever.

Dynamic Adzic could return to Melb Croatia

BY PAUL KLARIC of AAP

MELBOURNE Croatia has appointed a coach and is negotiating for the return of last season's NSL player of the year, striker Zeljko Adzic.

Melbourne Croatia club secretary Zeljko Sabo said Ante Grgic, 50, a former player and coach with Croatian Second Division side Sibenik, was expected to take up the one-year coaching appointment within three to four weeks.

And Sabo said his club would know shortly if it had a chance of regaining Adzic, who left to join Dinamo Zagreb in April just weeks before Melbourne Croatia competed in the NSL finals playoffs.

Sabo said Dinamo, which is finding hard currency difficult to come by, had yet to pay the \$45,000 transfer fee for Adzic and Melbourne Croatia was hoping to regain him if the payment was not forthcoming.

"There's a chance we will get him back — he is a proven player and would obviously add a lot to the side," Sabo said.

Adzic has yet to play for Dinamo after suffering a knee injury soon after arriving in Zagreb.

Sabo said if Adzic was unavailable the club would continue to pursue Scottish striker Gordon Scott, 29, currently playing with Victorian First Division side,



IVAN RAZNJEVIC — deposed as Melbourne Croatia coach and replaced by fellow-Croat Ante Grgic.

Morwell Falcons.

Scott, who has been approached also by Sydney Croatia and Adelaide Hellas, has played Scottish Premier League soccer with St Johnstone and Hamilton, as well as having stints with Scottish first division sides.

Sabo said Grgic was appointed to replace former coach Ivan Raznjevic, who left after the team was knocked out of the finals in May.

After retiring as a player, Grgic completed a sports diploma specialising in soccer at the University of Zagreb.

More recently he has been a talent scout for Yugoslav first division club Hajduk Split and coaching director for the Croatian Soccer Federation in the Dal-

matia area.

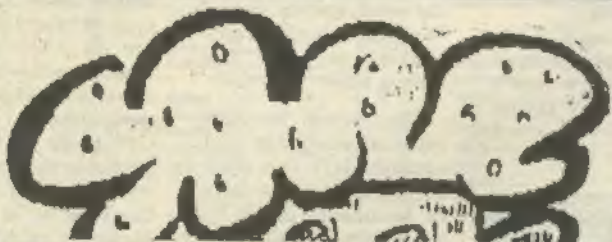
"Grgic was interested in coaching here three years ago and officials from our club had talks with him when they visited Croatia last month," Sabo said.

"He has good credentials and we believe his approach will fit in with the European style of soccer our club has been striving to achieve."

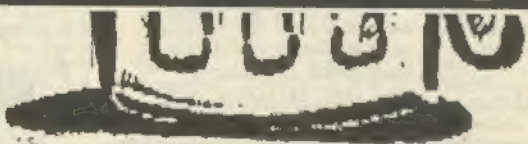
Sabo said defender George Hannah would continue in his role as caretaker coach until Grgic arrived.

The squad started training last week but is missing midfielder Mark Talajich and striker Ivan Kelic, who are still holidaying in Europe, while goalkeeper David Miller is trialling with the Glasgow Rangers.

But Sabo said he was confident Miller would be returning to resume his position as chief custodian with the club.



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Big Scott Patterson of Brunswick Juventus has the football well under control in the Victorian State League encounter with Altona Gate. Photo: JOE MONTEMURRA.

1994 American World Cup sites



ON July 4, 1988 FIFA's executive announced their decision that the USA was the successful candidate and would host the 1994 World Cup.

The executive was reduced from 21 members to 19 for voting purposes as the president of FIFA was Brazilian and the Brazilian delegate did not vote as their country was a candidate.

The voting resulted as follows: USA 10 votes, Morocco 7 votes, Brazil 2 votes.

The 1994 competition is expected to be held in June and the 12 stadia will be selected from the following applicants:

EASTERN ZONE

Philadelphia:	John F Kennedy Stadium	Capacity	: 90,000
	Franklin Field	"	: 61,000
Washington:	Robert F Kennedy Stadium	"	: 65,000
Princeton, New Jersey	Palmer Stadium	"	: 45,000
Annapolis, Maryland	Navy-Marine Corp. Stad		: 30,000

SOUTHERN ZONE

Miami:	Orange Bowl	Capacity	: 75,355
Fort Lauderdale	Joe Robbie Stadium	"	: 74,990
Orlando:	Citrus Bowl	"	: 50,843
Tampa:	Tampa Stadium	"	: 74,317

MID-WESTERN ZONE

Kansas City:	Arrowhead Stadium	Capacity	: 78,065
Dallas:	Cotton Bowl	"	: 72,000
Chicago:	Soldier Field	"	: 66,260
Blaine:	Minnesota Sports Stad	"	: 60,000 (Under construction)

WESTERN ZONE

Phoenix:	Rose Bowl	Capacity	: 103,553
Los Angeles:	Memorial Coliseum		: 92,516
Seattle:	Husky Stadium		: 72,484
Corvallis, Oregon	Parker Stadium		: 40,593
Las Vegas:	Silver Bowl		: 30,000



Cameroun's World Cup captain Steve Tataw in action at Italia '90. He is considering offers to finally leave Cameroun to play in Europe at the twilight of his career.

Best of Italia '90

SBS TV will rescreen what is considered the best six matches of Italia '90 every Sunday afternoon at 4pm from August 27.

Those six matches are: Italy v Czechoslovakia, West Germany v Holland, England v Belgium, Cameroun v England, West Germany v England, England v Italy.

The final programme in this revisiting of Italia '90 will be a 90 minute highlight package of the entire tournament titled Italia '90-The Event.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Shoot-out debate rages

PENALTY shootouts continue to dominate post World Cup discussions.



Irish goalkeeper Pat Bonner, the hero of his team's shoot-out win against Romania in this year's World Cup finals.

Many ideas have been put forward on how to solve FIFA's problem of deciding drawn games.

A new idea comes from Greg Bone of Charlestown, NSW.

His letter to me offers some new thoughts on deciding major drawn games . . .

I am a twenty nine years old soccer fanatic from Newcastle having played the game since I was five years old.

Italia '90 promised so much, delivered in certain areas, but failed to deliver in many other aspects. The most disappointing included:

*the high number of fouls; particularly on the most skilled players.

*the aggravating antics of those players fouled, culminating in a player unfairly sent off in the Final.

*the lack of innovation from set pieces, particularly from Brazil.

*the inability of referees to effectively keep the defensive wall ten yards (not six or seven) from the ball during free kicks.

*the inability of referees to detect "dives" in the penalty area and players constantly "milking" free kicks in general play at the slightest hint of a challenge.

*Penalty shoot-outs.

You devoted some time in your article of 15 July to this last point and it was interesting to note that FIFA are open to suggestions.

Your idea to consider the performance of both teams over previous games within the tournament is creditable, but is still open to manipulation by the team which has obviously the better record i.e., this team may play for a draw and avoid risks knowing that they will progress.

I submit my suggestion for your consideration. In the event of a draw after extra-time, the winner is determined from a combination of two or more factors.

This would avoid manipulation by players and coaches if only one factor is used, and often one factor is not representative of the better team, as you pointed out in your column.

The factors that could be considered in the formula to determine the winner include:

*A-Number of corner kicks.

*B-Number of fouls committed.

*C-Number of shots on goal, which forced a save by the keeper or hit the woodwork.

*D-Time (minutes) in possession within the opposition's half.

These statistics could be kept throughout the game by an independent panel and inputted to a formula, which may or may not be weighted depending on the relative importance of the factors involved. For example, suppose the match between Italy and Argentina produced the following statistics:

	Italy	Argentina
A	6	4
B	20	25
C	6	3
D	30	20

Dividing each number by the smallest number in each factor reduces the numbers small more workable numbers.

	Italy	Argentina
A	1.2	1.0
B	1.0	1.25
C	2.0	1.0
D	1.5	1.0

An unweighted formula (A + B + C + D) would produce the

following result.

Italy: 1.2 + 1.0 + 2.0 + 1.5 equal 3.7

Argentina: 1.0 + 1.25 + 1.0 + 1.0 equal 1.75

Italy would be declared the winner.

It would be interesting to input some of the statistics from the penalty shoot-out games of the World Cup to determine if this method is indicative of popular opinion of who the better



team was

Theoretically, the factors should reflect and encourage teams to ATTACK and PLAY FAIRLY, which is what we all want to see



Robert Wasieleski in action. He has now moved from Italy to France and has been instrumental in his new club Brest's good start to the season.

COLD WAR

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN champions Sparta Prague have proved that the Cold War is really over by signing United States defender Steve Trittschuh.

The 25-year-old University of Southern Illinois star becomes the fourth member of the US World Cup team to move abroad.

Tab Ramos has joined Figueras of Spanish Second Division, forward Peter Vermes played in Holland for Volendam and Chris Henderson is in Hungary with Raba Eto.

DOLE

ARGENTINE World Cup midfielder Gabriel Calderon is on the dole after Paris St Germain decided not to renew his contract.

He has applied for social security payments of \$5,500 per month, saying: "I don't need the money as much as some people, but my wife and I believe France is a country which doesn't let people down."

Not that he expects to be out of work for too long.

"I'm not Maradona, but I can do a good job", he says.



Star South Korean striker Kim Joo-Sung

Czechs too classy for our Olympians

AUSTRALIA's Olympic team completed its five-match tour of Europe with a 2-0 loss to its Czechoslovakian counterpart last Wednesday.

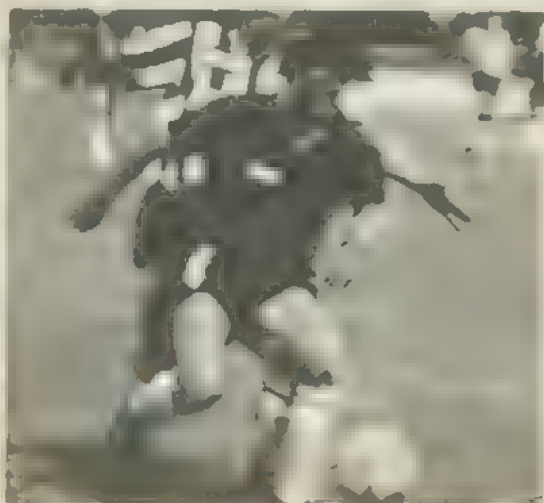
The match, played at Hlinsko, 120kms south of Prague, was the Australians' only defeat on tour after drawing with English side Gillingham, Scottish Premier League team Dundee United, a League of Ireland selection and the Swiss Olympic team.

A last minute decision by Czech Soccer Federation officials to switch the match from Prague to Hlinsko angered Australian coach Eddie Thomson.

"We had to travel by bus for two and a half hours and only got to the stadium 30 minutes before the kick-off and this upset our pre-match preparations," he said.

Czechoslovakia scored a goal late in each half but Australian striker Gary Hasler came close to equalising in the 70th minute when his 20m volley shaved the crossbar.

In a physical game, two Australian players — Hasler and Dominic Longo received yellow



Blacktown's John Gibson

cards in the space of one minute in the first half.

But Thomson was not too disappointed.

"This is by far the best team we met on the tour," he said.

"Czechoslovakia is rated amongst the top under 23 teams in Europe and many experts are already tipping them as potential gold medalists at the Barcelona Olympics.

"We competed well with them in defence

but found it hard to create openings."

The Australian team for the Czech match was: John Filan, Greg Dickinson, Tony Vidmar, Ned Zelic, Dominic Longo, Steve Georgakias (Mark Brazzale 60th min), John Gibson (John Markovski 77th min), George Slifkas, Carl Veart (Mike Michalakopoulos 68th min), Gary Hasler, Steve Refenes (Eric Hristodoulou 65th min). Crowd 2500.

We've met Koreans 14 times

BY LOU GAUTIER

When the Socceroos step onto the Tongdaemun Stadium pitch on Thursday for the first of their two-match series against South Korea it will be the 14th time the two countries have met in full 'A' international.

Australia has yet to lose against the Koreans.

Though their last game against them, in the 1987 President's Cup final, was taken out by South Korea in a penalty shoot-out, the official result after 90 minutes and extra-time was 1-1 and that's the score that went into the record books.

Australia has won seven times and six games were drawn.

The Aussies have scored 21 goals to the Koreans' 12.

The two countries first met in 1967, in the final of the South Vietnam tournament in Saigon where Australia won 3-2.

The Australian side was coached by Joe Vlasits and captained by John Warren. The teams met again two years later

in South Korea in 1969 as part of a World Cup qualifying sub-group that also included Japan.

Australia won the sub-group, beating South Korea 2-1 and drawing 1-1 with them in the process. The Aussies were again coached by Vlasits and captained by Warren.

After beating South Korea 2-1, the Australians were pelted with bottles, cans and seat cushions from the 22,000 crowd. A squad of 20 police rushed onto the field to escort the Australians to the dressingrooms.

In the second game, goalkeeper Ron Corry was the hero of the 1-1 draw, saving a penalty.

John Watkins and Tom McCulloch scored in the first match, and Ray Baartz in the second for the Aussies.

Three years later, in 1972, Australia played South Korea twice —

again in Seoul — on their tour of Asia — drawing 1-1 and winning 2-0.

Rale Rasic was now the coach and Peter Wilson the captain.

Max Tolson scored in the 1-1 draw, and Ray Baartz and Jim Armstrong in the 2-0 victory.

In 1973 came the dramatic three-match play-off between the two countries for a spot in the 1974 finals in West Germany.

Australia had earlier eliminated Iraq, New Zealand, Indonesia and Iran, while South Korea accounted for Israel, Japan and Hong Kong.

The teams drew 0-0 in Sydney and 2-2 in Seoul. South Korea raced to a 2-0 lead but Branko Buljevic and Ray Baartz forced a 2-2 draw.



JOHN WARREN

The decider, in Hong Kong, was Australian soccer's finest hour, with Jim McKay scoring the winner in the 1-0 win to send the Socceroos into the World Cup finals for the first and only time.

Australia's team for that match was: Fraser, Utjesenovic, Wilson (captain), Schaefer, Curran, Richards,



The late Joe Vlasits

McKay, Rooney, Abonyi (Alston), Baartz, Buljevic.

Australia and South Korea met once more in the next World Cup qualifiers in 1977. Australia beat South Korea 2-1 in Sydney with two goals from John Kosmina and drew 0-0 in Seoul.

Peter Wilson was still the captain but the coach this time around was Jimmy Shoulder.

Australia's team in the 0-0 draw in Seoul was: Maher, Curran, Wilson, Bennett, Harris, Byrne, Rooney (Marocchi), Stone, Kosmina, Ollerton (Alston), Abonyi.

After a five-year gap, Australia and South Korea met again.

In 1982, at Singapore's Merlion Cup, the Socceroos won 3-2 and won the tournament.

In 1983, Australia again beat South Korea — 3-1 this time — in the

Merlion Cup. Les Scheinflug coached Australia in both Merlion Cups.

The teams' last meeting was in the 1987 final of the President's Cup in Korea.

On June 21 the teams drew 1-1, with Graham Arnold the scorer.

In the penalty shoot-out South Korea won 5-4. Frank Farina and Peter Raskopoulos missed their shoot-out penalties.

This was Frank Arok's only match against Korea and Charlie Yankos was the Aussie skipper.

The Australian team on that occasion: Oliver, Yankos, Dunn, Savor, Wade, Jennings, Davidson, Crino, Farina, Arnold, Kalantzis. Subs: 'Rasko' for Wade, Zinni for Kalantzis.

Wade and Zinni are the only survivors from that team included in the Socceroo squad for the two matches against the Koreans this year.

Korean team a mystery

BY LOU GAUTIER

MYSTERY surrounds the composition of the South Korean team to play Australia Thursday at Seoul's Tongdaemun Stadium and on Sunday at the Kudok Stadium, Pusan.

Unhappy over the team's less than inspired performances at the World Cup finals, the Korean FA has ushered in a new broom policy.

Coach Hoe Taik Lee has been sacked and his replacement is expected to drop several players from the World Cup squad.

The country's best known player, Kim Joo Sung, performed well par in Italy and has been hankering for a transfer from his club, Daewoo.

Nicknamed "Samson" because of his long hair, Kim apparently only has 50-50 change of playing against the Socceroos.

One player certain to turn out is Kwang Bo, whose rocket-like freekick in the Koreans' 3-1 loss to Spain, was rated amongst the best goals of Italia '90.

Kwangbo, a stylish midfielder, was his country's best player in the World Cup and he will again be their lynchpin against the Socceroos.

South Korea will have

their number one goalkeeper, Kim Pung Joo, back on deck against Australia.

He missed the three World Cup finals matches because of injury and his deputy, Choi In Young proved a poor substitute.

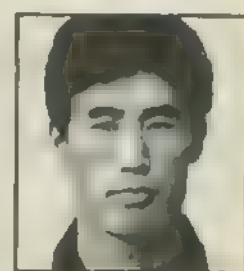
He failed to inspire his defence and let in several soft goals.

The new Korean management is sure to reintroduce the traditional South Korean game against the Australians.

When the fleet-footed Koreans play a fast, short-passing game, they are the top team in Asia, but in Italy they inexplicably exhibited none of these traits.

Their build-ups were laboured and stereotyped, and their defence did not have the pace to contain their European and South American opponents.

For the record, South Korea's 1990 World Cup record was: lost 0-2 to Belgium, 1-3 Spain and 0-1 Uruguay, the latter's



Kim Pung-Joo

goal coming in the final seconds from a Daniel Fonseca header.

South Korea, like Australia, are using this week's matches as the beginning of a new World Cup cycle.

They are aiming to make it three finals in a row and have excellent prospects of qualifying for USA in 1994 as by the time the qualifiers come along they will no doubt have maintained their status as one of the top two or three teams in Asia.

Australia, of course, does not have the benefit of such a relatively easy qualifying process and will, again, have to do it the hard way, with transcontinental play-offs.

The proposed match against Thailand has been cancelled.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCEROOS — KOREAN TOUR SQUAD

	TOTAL APPEARANCES	'A' CAPS	TOTAL GOALS	'A' GOALS	BIRTH DATE
ROBERT ZABICA (Adelaide City)	6	1	-	-	9. 4.64
TONY FRANKEN (Sydney Croatia)	9	1	-	-	11. 1.65
TONY SPYRIDAKOS (Sydney Olympic)	4	1	-	-	9. 4.64
MEHMET DURAKOVIC (South Melb Hellas)	5	1	1	-	13. 10.65
ANDREW BERNAL (Sydney Olympic)	7	1	-	-	16. 5.86
ALEX TOBIN (Adelaide City)	11	3	1	-	3. 11.65
ROBERT HOOKER (Sydney Olympic)	3	-	-	-	6. 3.67
JEAN PAUL DE MARNIGNY (Marconi)	4	1	-	-	21. 1.64
TOM McCULLOCH (Marconi)	21	7	3	3	10. 2.64
PAUL WADE (South Melb Hellas)	50	35	7	4	20. 3.62
MIKE PETERSEN (Sth Melb Hellas)	32	17	2	0	6. 5.65
ERNIE TAPAI (Sunshine George X)	8	1	1	-	14. 2.67
BRANKO MILOSEVIC (Melb Croatia)	-	-	-	-	21. 8.64
KIM TALIADOROS (Sth Melb Hellas)	6	1	3	-	28. 3.68
JASON VAN BLERK (Apia)	2	1	2	-	16. 3.68
WARREN SPINK (Preston Makedonia)	11	6	6	3	4. 10.66
PAUL TRIMBOLI (Sth Melb Hellas)	6	2	4	2	25. 2.69
ANDREW ZINNI (Preston Makedonia)	14	7	6	3	6. 3.65

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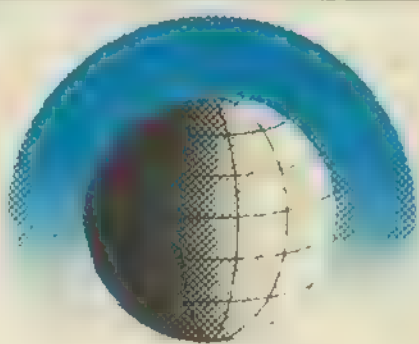


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YOUR SUPER SOCCER CHANNEL

Melbourne has long been accused of running behind the rest of the country when it comes to running its soccer operations on something of a professional level.

The VSF tried to do something to get its clubs into gear by suggesting to the State League outfits that they each appoint a media liaison officer.

As far as ASW knows not a single club has taken up the suggestion.

Worse still, only four of 18 State League clubs even took the time to reply to the VSF on the

TONY Dorigo scored his first goal of the new English season when he netted for Chelsea in the 77th minute in the 2-1 loss to Crystal Palace last week.

MARK Bosnich is still having great difficulty getting a work permit in England and is still registered with Manchester United as a student — not a full-time staff member despite one first team appearance last season against Wimbledon. Bosnich remains a member of United's reserve squad and goes to school three days a week.

ment won by the Socceroos in Jakarta last month was "meaningless". Wade described it as a good test for the new squad and coach Les Scheinflug said that when forming a new national team, playing against any opponents is a plus.

SYDNEY Croatia have made another signing. They have signed Hajduk Split midfielder Mario Novakovic, a member of the Hajduk squad which toured Australia in June.

Former Brunswick Juventus coach Manfred Schaefer has decided to recruit from his old club to help bolster Apia-Leichhardt in its quest to move back up the NSL table in 1990/91. The canny Apia boss is chasing defender Faust De Amicis, a youngster who started for the club as a midfielder in the youth team and has since blossomed into a regular with the seniors in Victoria's State League.

1989/90 Southern Division youth player of the year Saso Becvinovski still has not linked up with an NSL side for the new campaign. Despite impressive performances all season for State League Melbourne JUST Becvinovski apparently hasn't attracted the talent scouts as might have been expected.

For the first time since 1973 there will be no Victorian State League Cup play-offs for the clubs finishing in the top four. There is little chance of the competition going ahead at season's end because of the scheduled Dock-

erty Cup, Gold Cup and NSL play-offs in Victoria.

Sunshine George Cross is set to sign a Scottish First Division midfielder. The club is tight-lipped about the details of the signing but ASW believes that the 23-year-old is a former Glasgow Rangers player now playing his second season in Division One. The club hopes to finalise details in the next fortnight.

Socceroo midfielder Ian Gray is looking forward to a big season with Marconi. The determined Gray has

overcome problems with his right ankle and is ready for the action.

Frank Scicluna, the former ASW columnist, was in Europe recently with the Australian Olympic team as the gear steward and administration official.

He returned on Sunday and sets off tomorrow (Tuesday) in a similar role for the Socceroos in South Korea. Well known amateur and junior official Rod Woods is handling similar duties in Fiji for the Young Socceroos.



ABBAS SAAD: Injured.

matter.

The name of Andrew Freund has bobbed up in the media on a regular basis since his mid-1990 transfer from South Melbourne Hellas to former Victorian State League leader Albion.

It seems Freund has been an outstanding signing for the State League club, so much so that Hellas is now considering asking him back to Middle Park.

Fruend is apparently something of an all-rounder at sports and the aspiring Albion star was a fine under 19's Aussie rules player at Melbourne before he concentrated on the round ball code.

SOC CEROO Jim Patikas scored the first goal for his Greek club AEK last week when they beat Third Division Messiolis in the first round of the Greek Cup. His contract with the crack Athens side expires in June next year.

ABBAS Saad has pulled a hamstring and has been ruled out of action for three weeks for his Singapore team which plays in the Malaysian National League.

SOC CEROO captain Paul Wade does not agree that the recent Indonesian Independence Tourna-

Gold Coast host Marconi at Seagulls Stadium

THE Gold Coast will host Marconi in a trial game later this month which will test support for the region's proposed National League club.

The Gold Coast Gamblers, the region's representative team, will clash with the NSL champions at the magnificent Seagulls rugby league field.

The Gamblers, whose squad includes New Zealand international Paul Halford and state squad members Peter Dwyer, John Denham and Rafe Underwood, will be reinforced by the inclusion of Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos and possibly Queensland captain Frank Pimblett from Brisbane City.

The match is further proof of the Gold Coast's reputation as the most progressive soccer administration in the Sunshine State.

The Coast has seized upon the Bradley Report recommendation that they be included in NSL in the near future and are using the match against Marconi as a possibly launching pad for their bid.

Gamblers coach Jim Selby said the game would be used to gauge support for an NSL team on the Coast and to trial the Seagulls facilities as a potential home.

"This will be the biggest soccer game ever held on the Coast.

"If we get a good reaction from the Coast's sporting public we will know we are on the right track," Selby said.

Unlike the recent tour by English side Charlton, who didn't even bring a training strip to Australia,



Marconi won't be coming to Queensland for a holiday.

Coach Berti Mariani has confirmed the Gamblers match will be a key part of their NSL preparation.

"It won't be a holiday for us," he said.

"We'll be bringing as many internationals as we can and they will all be competing for places in our starting team."

Soccer is booming on the Gold Coast with the holiday strip boasting a competitive First Division competition and will gain XXXX League representation next season with the promotion from Division Two of the Ric Budini-coached Nerang Eagles.

Interest in NSL on the Gold Coast has prompted a rival bid to the Gamblers push.

Runaway Bay Sports club board member Frank Ward claims to have been working behind the scenes for the past six months to establish the foundations and financial backing for a NSL team at the Northern end of the Coast.

"Runaway Bay already has the facilities with the potential to be upgraded to NSL standard — we just need a few of the right people to say 'yes' to a few proposals we have in mind," Ward said.



Constable Andrew Stillman, pictured above is a sound defender with Queensland's XXXX League club, Pine Rivers. A Bundaberg product, as a youngster he was a regular ASW correspondent on junior representative games around the state. — Pic by courtesy of the Courier Mail.

VALE

Harold Roy (Pop) Pearson

It is with regret that we hear of another soccer pioneer passing away, Harold Roy (POP) Pearson who died on the 22nd August, 1990 aged 92.

Pop was on the St George Committee before the Second World War when their headquarters were Prince Edward Park, during the days of Merton Bath, George Smith, Herb Spowall, Trevor Jurd, Noel Toelle and Billy Johnstone.

After leaving St George he followed his sons to Arncliffe Presbyterian where he was president for 20 years.

This developed into one of the strongest clubs in the St George area, producing the Degney brothers, Les and George Edwards and numerous others who moved to grade football.

He is survived by Edith, Gladys, Roy and Phil (Dick).

Roy Pearson was NSW Churches Football Association secretary for 30 years, and Phil is at present competition secretary of Macarthur Soccer Football Association.

Steve Curtis passes on

Long serving soccer supporter Steve Curtis died in Sydney last week after a long illness.

He immigrated to Australia from his native Hungary and had a long association with his favourite sport.

For many years he was the energetic distributor of the former Soccer World newspaper, and had a tremendous rapport with soccer fans in Sydney. In addition he spent many hours advancing the cause of the St George club.

Our sincerest condolences are extended to his wife Teri and daughter Marianne.

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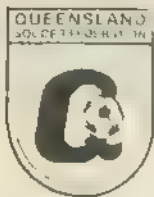
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Queensland's own beer

Lions planning repeat for Adelaide Hellas

BY GREG RUSSELL

WHEN Brisbane Lions take the field against Adelaide Hellas in this season's National League play-offs on Wednesday (September 5), the club's emphatic 6-0 series win in 1987 will be a memory for only a handful of the Queenslanders.

Very few of that side which stormed back into the NSL remain at the Richlands club.

But those players facing their second promotion play-off series could be the ones who hold the key to a Lions victory — midfielders Russell Stewart and Nick Meredith and defender David Hunter.

In the opening match in Adelaide in 1987, the then 19-year-old Meredith proved a sensation at left full-back covering for the injured former Soccer-oo Alan Niven.

The Hellas' defence found no answer for Meredith's speed on the flanks and his pinpoint left-foot cross was to lead to Lions' opening goal.

Hunter took on the role of henchman and silenced Hellas' star import Alby Kidd.

Ultimately, the pair finished the match in the dressing room, and the loss of the Scotsman for the return leg was to torpedo any hopes of a Hellas comeback.

In the return match at Richlands, it was a sad day for Hellas. Nothing went right as Lions ran out 4-0 winners with Stewart showing all his flair to dominate the midfield and control the game.

If Lions are to raise their recent form, which has suffered from two years in the XXXX League, then Stewart, Meredith and Hunter are the ones who will have to lead by example.

The Lions forward line has struggled to score this season, which has left midfielders like Stewart and Meredith and the attacking Hunter with added goalscoring responsibilities.

Their forward moving raids hold the key to Lions taking some kind of advantage into the games against the Victorian premiers later this month.



FRANK LIDDELL

So much has changed at Lions since their last NSL promotion bid. Confirmation of that can be made simply by looking at the scorers in the 6-0 drubbing of Adelaide Hellas in the 1987 series.

In the opening leg the successful Lions marksmen were import Jim Morton and hardworking midfielder John Ogden.

Morton has since returned to Scotland while Ogden was released on a free transfer this season to Coalstars where he has successfully coached the side away from relegation.

In the return leg, the goalscoring heroes were New Zealand import Grant Lightbown, Dave Wheeler, who netted twice, and Stewart. Lightbown has returned to New Zealand while Wheeler was forced into retirement by recurring knee injuries.

Also gone from the Lions squad which contested the 1987 play-offs is Niven, who is now at XXXX League rivals Mount Gravatt, Scottish defender Bob McSkimming, versatile utility Peter McClurg and goalkeeper Jason Kearton.

Kearton was probably the discovery of the play-offs.

The teenager had been thrown into the Lions team only months earlier when regular custodian Rob Farrow broke his leg on the Queensland tour of New Zealand.

Kearton turned back waves of West Adelaide attacks with a series of brilliant saves in the opening leg.

His performance was not to be a fluke

and within nine months he would be in England playing reserve grade with First Division giants Everton.

The rocket to stardom could be a good omen for Lions current young keeper Kevin Tatton, who came into the team a month ago when the luckless Farrow injured his knee.

The other factor working in Lions' favor in this year's play-offs will be coach Frank Liddell.

The Scot defied his 34 years to be a tower of strength as the Lions captain in the 1987 series.

Tragically for Liddell his career was all but terminated four months later when he tore a cruciate ligament in an early season NSL match against Preston.

The experience of the 1987 play-offs will enable Liddell to ensure his players are well aware of the challenge ahead.

"It looks like it's going to be the first time three teams have contested the series and that alone will ensure every game will be tough," Liddell said.

"Adelaide Hellas have the experience of an NSL campaign immediately behind them while it has been two years since some of our players performed regularly at that level, and some of our present squad have never known National League football.

"But we've won our premiership comfortably this year through consistency and hard work. If we can produce that in the play-offs, we'll have every chance."

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ABOVE: Sunshine Plantation and Sunshine Coast Soccer Association young achievers to 1989-1990, Richard Ward and Damien Roache. The talented 16-year-olds were among the soccer players chosen from throughout Queensland to attend this year's level three coaching course in Brisbane. Ward plays Colts and second division for Maroochydore and Roache is a division one player for Nambour Reds

Miss Queensland Soccer

BY PAT MCKINLEA

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Miss Queensland Soccer, Samantha O'Brien from the Redlands Soccer club.

Twenty-year-old Samantha won the Miss Soccer Quest from a record 33 competitors and took out the prize courtesy of Qantas

Samantha was crowned at a gala evening last Saturday week at the Italo-Australian Centre at Newmarket, with 390 club supporters in attendance

The Miss Fund-Raiser title went to Peta Oldfield, representing the Newmarket Soccer Club.

Peta raised the outstanding amount of \$10,000, which only goes to prove that clubs can reap benefits by getting behind their quest entrants.

It was also great having an entrant this year from Far North Queensland in Victoria Marmara.

It is hoped that all Queensland-affiliated Federations will have an entrant in the statewide quest next year.

Victoria and Allison

Green, representing the Beenleigh Soccer Club, were the two runners-up on the night.

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Bris Lions	21	14	6	1	40	8	48
Bris City	21	10	6	5	50	29	36
North Star	21	9	9	3	47	29	36
Pine Rivers	21	11	2	8	52	39	35
Taringa Rov	2	9	7	5	30	28	34
Eastern Subs	21	9	5	7	30	29	32
Rochdale Rov	21	8	4	9	31	42	28
Coalstars	21	7	5	9	22	29	26
MI Gravatt	21	8	1	12	26	29	25
Acacia Ridge	21	6	3	12	31	46	21
Grange This	21	4	6	1	23	39	18
Olympic Utd	21	3	2	16	14	49	11

Juan Cutillas presses Brisbane City's case

BRISBANE City should not be prepared to sit back and watch a combined team be Queensland's only involvement in the National League.

That's the opinion of Brisbane City coach Juan Cutillas, who believes the future of the Italian-backed club hinges on a return to the national competition.

City were foundation members of the Philips League in 1977 but were axed under the involved selection criteria when the competition was trimmed at the end of 1986.

In their 10 years in the competition, City snared the Philips Cup twice and

were involved in a grand final play-off with Sydney City in 1979.

But times since have been lean for the club. Interest rates on loans to develop their magnificent Spencer Park Stadium crippled the club and their on-field performances have suffered.

City have played second fiddle to Lions and North Star in the XXXX League for the past four years. A major Queensland Soccer trophy has not gone to Spencer Park in over a decade.

Cutillas believes City are now at the crossroads and must decide whether they want success or are prepared to join the also rans.

"There is no future for the club in the XXXX League, it must look to the NSL," Cutillas said.

"Brisbane City is a big organisation which must set its aims accordingly.

"If City does not make a commitment and push now for a return to the National League, the club may not survive in its current form."

Cutillas has backed the club's plans to make this year a transitional season but believes tough decisions now have to be made.

"I would like to see City go all out for NSL, but a lot has to change," he said.

"The club needs three good visa players and must look to buy some of the local talent. We also need lights at our ground and to develop a training field so the main pitch is used only for games and first team training.

"Our park at the moment is the worst I have ever seen it.

"We are a footballing team but cannot play

well on our own field. We play our best football away and that is not fair to our fans.

"Finally, for Brisbane City to be strong again, we need to get back the people who have left the club for one reason or another.

"If Brisbane City is to make the NSL, we need the support the club had in the early days."

Cutillas had a taste of National League with Lions in 1988 but wore the blame for the side's inability to compete because of a lack of depth. He was sacked mid-season.

The Spaniard is keen to return to the premier arena again and hopes it is with City.

"I would be very happy to be part of the club in any NSL bid," Cutillas said.

"I have yet to speak to the club about staying on, but I think there will be a good chance I will be here next year."

Cutillas' immediate aim is to snare the Brunsco Cup for City by winning the XXXX League Grand Final.

He was at the helm when City lost to Lions three years ago and had another unsuccessful semi-final tilt with Olympic United.

But he believes he has learned a lot from those two campaigns.

"You need a very good preparation and the right attitude in finals," Cutillas said.

"But I have also found out that Lady Luck plays a big role.

"Our form has been inconsistent recently, but so too has a lot of teams.

"We have to put that behind us and play our best on the day. We have the ability to win the Grand Final if everyone goes into the game with determination."

SA has happy talk of South Pacific adventure

BY ALLAN CRISP

FOR once in his life Bob Hawke was in the vicinity of a sporting event involving an Australian team yet he failed to attend.

Our Prime Minister was in the Pacific Islands to address members of the Pan-Pacific Conference at the same time as the South Australian soccer team was contesting the Independence Day Tournament.

Mr Hawke's marvelous oratory no doubt won the hearts of his audience, but he was the loser by not watching SA strut its stuff in Vanuatu. For SA, playing under the banner of Australia, carried on the tradition it had established in India in 1985 when it won the prestigious DCM cup in New Delhi.

Led by manager-coach Mike Wells, SA this time won all but its final game of the round robin series to bring back to Adelaide the magnificent Independence Day trophy. SA's South Pacific adventure began in the Island of Espiritu Santo where it won a warm-up event, the Fosters Cup by beating Santo 7-0.

The hospitality of the locals was matched by the warmth of the weather as SA was accorded a Civic Reception by the Mayor of Santo.

SA was not to be fazed by the opposition on the tour but the visiting officials admitted to being more than a trifle bemused by a sudden departure from the original match programming.

When SA arrived it was understood that the tournament was to be played between two groups of three teams.

However, the late arrival of Solomon Islands and Tahiti meant that changes would have to be made to the original schedule.

With Solomon and Tahiti not due to arrive until three days after the tournament began, SA was faced with the daunting prospect of playing five games in five days.

But the lads from metropolitan Adelaide responded to the demands of representing the green and gold by convincingly defeating New Caledonia and Solomon national teams.

SA next had to clash with a fresh Tahiti national youth team which was making its debut in the series.

The physical encounters against New Caledonia and Solomon Islands had left a legacy of mounting injuries and a herculean task for trainer Des Thomson to get a fit side onto the park.

Thomson co-opted the help of assistant coach



SA manager coach to Vanuatu, Mike Wells.

Carlos Buzzetti and tour photographer Joe Janko, who toiled until the early hours.

Tahiti proved a worthy opponent and the sides went in at half time level on nit-all.

Salisbury United striker Tony Gasparetto turned the tide for SA with two second half goals to capitalise on the visitors' midfield supremacy.

The tournament peaked with SA's final game against host nation Vanuatu, which was buoyed for the occasion as the match was played on the anniversary of its Independence Day.

Vanuatu won 1-0 courtesy of a soft penalty

awarded against SA skipper Alex Tobin in the 49th minute.

The loss stung SA which wanted to complete the exacting tour undefeated. But there was no denying the success of the venture SA had the magnificent trophy in its keeping and its victory was enhanced by a fine reception from the villagers who feted the side as it travelled by bus back to its hotel.

At the conclusion of the tournament, SA held a special function at which the President of the Vanuatu Football Federation and the General Secretary of the Tahiti Football Federation were guests. SA captain and

Socceroo defender Alex Tobin was voted Players Player of the series, from Polonia defender Damien Harley and Cumberland midfielder Kevin McCormack.

Adelaide City strongman Neville Flounders received the Coaches award as the most consistent player, while Hellas midfielder Lemmy Vatsilas was acclaimed as the most valuable contributor over the six games.

Former Socceroo Steve Maxwell topped the scoring list with seven out of 21 goals netted.

The final game loss to Vanuatu was the first defeat suffered by coach Mike Wells after 12 consecutive matches in charge of the SA State senior team.

At the end of the series, SA was approached by both Tahiti and New Caledonia to tour those countries in the future.

Tahiti requested SA to send an Under 16 squad to play in an international tournament which is planned to include sides from France, Romania and Canada.

Adelaide City striker Maxwell had the final word on the tour. "We should play this team in the National League. "We have the basis of a very good side".

Pratezina exits Canberra Croatia

BY GRAHAM COOKE

TALENTED Canberra Croatia midfielder Zoran Pratezina has returned to Yugoslavia.

He plans to get married in his native Croatia and will return to Australia with his wife, probably next year.

Pratezina's absence will leave a big hole in a Canberra line-up already beginning to look thin.

While he lacks the spectacular skills of a Ned Zelic, the little man has made a major contribution to the team's promotion push.

Originally brought out by the then Croatia Deakin club for the ACT League, Pratezina made coach Jimmy Shoulder's NSW State League squad early last season.

After a spell back in the local competition he forced his way into contention this year and was a league ever-present until a week before his departure when coach Tom Sermanni dropped him to the bench in order to experiment with a replacement.

"One of his best qualities is his ability to think on the ball," Sermanni said.

"He can create openings and, although not a big lad, is remarkably strong".

"He will be missed, and while he is not absolutely sure of his plans, I hope he will be back in Canberra before too long".

In other news Inter Monaro defender Mark Arthur has two broken ribs and a hairline fracture of the jaw and will be out of the NSW League team, possibly for the rest of the season.

Coach Harry Williams said Arthur had not at first realised the extent of his injuries, sustained in the club's game against Sutherland.

"He is now in quite considerable pain—at times even smallest movement is difficult", he said.

With Arthur out of the reckoning Williams will be hoping Craig Alchin, whose gashed hand is fast healing, can fill the stopper role.

ACT referees will have nothing further to do with third division Latin America until they are satisfied "that appropriate action has been taken". Disciplinary Board chairman David Childs said.

The decision, made by the ACT Division of the Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation, follows incidents at the Latin America v Belconnen United match at Hackett Oval which led to the

game's abandonment with nine minutes to go.

"THE ACTS "do it yourself" under-14 soccer team will now definitely take its place in the national championships in Tasmania, team manager Martyn Smith says.

Financial cut-backs meant the ACTSF was unable to provide any support for the squad, but an aggressive fund-raising campaign by team members, including a major raffle, has raised the required amount.

Smith said a number of ACT-based companies had rallied around, including veteran soccer supporter Ampol, Speciality Fasteners, Ensign Services, Kwik Kopy and Australian Airlines.

"We are grateful to find so many backers of our game who came to our aid at a time of genuine emergency", Smith said.

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Wolves seek Barkley, Hollifield

BY DRAGAN RADOVAC

WOLLONGONG City is awaiting the outcome of their offer to New Zealand striker Noel Barkley to join them for the coming National Soccer League season.

Barkley is a highly regarded striker, who is topscorer for NZ National League club Wellington and is well placed on the national leading scorers' table.

He is a highly constructive player, as well as being a regular scorer.

So far he has resisted offers to come to Australia, and this may be compounded by the fact that his brothers David and Robin have arrived from Northern Ireland to join him in Wellington.

In addition it is believed that Sydney Croatia have shown an interest in his joining them.

Classy left-back Mike Hollifield is likely to return to the club from England. Hollifield is after a

are ready to board the plane at short notice.

Coach David Ratcliffe would be delight-



Noel Barkley's intelligent work off the ball and ability to score has brought him NSL offers. Pic by courtesy NZ Soccer Express.

visa at present, and is applying for permanent residency. He and his family

ed to have an in-form Hollifield for the Wolves' opening game

Stowell sets up new Level Two course

THE most comprehensive level two coaching course to be staged in Queensland will be conducted at Perry Park later this year.

Queensland Director of Coaching Bruce Stowell has formulated a course which covers the traditional requirements of the certificate along with an extensive introduction into fitness for soccer principles.

The course will ensure Queensland level two holders are among the most qualified in the country with an understanding of modern football and fitness training requirements.

"It's a few more hours than in the past, but I have no doubts it is well worth it," Stowell said. "A lot of people have done the fitness for soccer course off their own bat in the past so I think it is sensible to bring it in as part of the level two course."

"It will ensure those who pass the level two have a better understanding of all facets of the game and will be better prepared to tackle the level three if they wish."

The skills-technique section of the course—the traditional part—will start at Perry Park on Saturday, October 6.

The full day session will be followed by another the next day along with two more day sessions the following weekend.

Evening sessions from 6.30 on the Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday of the week in between complete the section of the course.

The physiology of training (fitness for soccer) will be held on the following weekend, October 20-21 and again on November 3 and 4.

"We felt it was better to keep all sections of the course as close to each other as possible to give those attending continuity," Stowell said.

State team physio Michael Dalgleish, who accompanied the Australian Commonwealth Games team to Auckland in January, will co-ordinate the 12 hours of fitness lectures.

He intends to arrange the experts to speak on anatomy, biomechanics, sports injuries and the psychology of training.

The cost of the overall course is \$100. For those with level two certificates who wish to undertake the fitness for soccer section, the cost will be \$50.

Nominations for both or either courses is essential and closes on September 28.

For further enquiries and booking contact Bruce Stowell at the Queensland Soccer Federation on 252 5327.

BY TED SIMMONS

Socceroos are on course

BY TED SIMMONS, WHO WAS IN INDONESIA WITH THE ROOS

Socceroo tour leader Vito Cilauro, a Melbourne legal eagle, was highly mortified by the team hotel advice to guests. Prominent among the list of don'ts was: 'Please do not associate with solicitors around the hotel!'

The Socceroos were in good voice as well as with their feet. At the official welcoming function, the compere asked the teams for an item of entertainment. The Australians were first up, crowded the stage and gave a rousing rendition of the Beatles' song 'I Saw Her Standing There' to a generous round of applause.

An unexpected talent emerged on the tour. Warren Spink, instead of joining the singers, grabbed the drum sticks and gave a first class display on more than one occasion.

Paul Wade, approached before the final by a local journalist, promptly reeled off the names of all of the reserve players which duly appeared in the next morning's paper as the Socceroo line-up. 'I learnt that from Frank Arok,' quoted Wade.



Robbie Hooker was the keenest trainer in the squad. After the 7-0

win over Indonesia B, Hooker was seen back at the hotel running up and down the 10 flights of stairs six times. He also completed a challenge against Andrew Bernal and Tony Spyridakos over the same distance.

When Paul Wade went to collect the cup after winning the final, the officials asked him to sign a receipt and gave him an envelope which he tucked into his shorts while parading the cup. Checking a little later to see what was in the envelope, it was merely \$15,000 in American notes which was the prize for the winning team!

Mehmet Durakovic was the envy of the whole team. He was the only player to get an unexpected and unwanted kiss from a local sheik in the hotel lobby.

The players had a friendly ghost in their rooms. If they switched on the room light, the TV came on and every time the toilet was used anywhere on the floor, each bathroom had a big echo through the system.

During their stay, players and officials stayed with bottled water. But the manufacturers could have used a better brand name than 'Ades'.

Vito Cilauro, who displayed an interesting pair of shorts while having a kick at training, was so polished in appearance he was mistaken for the Italian ambassador. Needless to say, his behaviour was most becoming even though the players did tire of pasta every night.

AUSTRALIA could be on the brink of its best international rating since the 1974 Socceroos qualified for the World Cup finals.

It's a phrase that has been written and said many times since we entered the world arena, many pessimists will shake their heads but the signs are positive and the potential is available.

The Socceroos' win in the 5th Independence Cup in Jakarta and the performance by the Olympic Games squad in Europe have provided coaches Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug with a sound basis group.

Scheinflug didn't expect too much from Indonesia. He had a new team which had to quickly acclimatise to different food, weather, working together and international exposure. In four games, the Socceroos posted four wins, scored 15 goals, conceded none and never looked like losing.

Indonesian officials, from Russian coach Anatoly Poloshin to manager Acub Zaenal, agreed the Australians were more skilled and experienced.

'We crumbled under pressure in the second half of the final. It's very painful but we lost to a better side,' said Zaenal.

Despite an awkward draw, which gave every advantage to the home team, the Australians were listed first in the program and in the end, earned the support of the local crowds, even against the Indonesian teams.

Thomson had given Scheinflug a tentative first team to field in the tournament.

Of the 18 players, only Paul Wade and Mike Petersen remained from the team which made the Seoul Olympic quarter finals in 1988.

About half the squad were touring overseas with the Socceroos for the first time although most had appeared for Australia against touring teams at home, such as Moscow Torpedo and Hajduk Split.

But home matches can never produce the same experience as travelling overseas, sharing rooms, building team spirit and learning all about pressure, especially under strange referees.

Passengers

The team had two 'tourists' — goalkeepers Robert Zabica and

Anthony Franken. Tourists in the sense that they probably had the least amount of work with only one genuine save each in the tournament.

As the tournament progressed, so did the players.

In defence, Andrew Bernal and Mehmet Durakovic were outstanding and the find of the backline.

Durakovic produced bursts of brilliance which carried him down the line and through the defence, while Bernal was unbeatable in the air and his aggressive play warned attackers to stay out of his way.

The quiet pair of Alex Tobin and Tony Spyridakos completed the back four with classy touches which allowed the group to dominate each match they contested.

Robert Hooker, Andrew Callanan and George Jolevski were sparingly used but each made a determined contribution when chosen and their efforts were a constant reminder to the first team that they were waiting.

Scheinflug appeared to have some midfield problems. Wade, Petersen, Tom McCulloch, Ernie Tapai all had more lapses in



PAUL WADE

concentration than the other areas but they managed to recover.

Wade, playing for the first time as Socceroo captain, had a great tour as leader, showing by example at training and in matches and acting as an in-

telligent link between players and coach.

Tapai was brilliant in his first game but was closely marked after that. McCulloch in his later games delivered a series of defence splitting passes which turned the

matches around with Petersen in a distributing role.

It was also difficult finding the right striking combination.

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Coaches are strange Creatures

BY DAVID B. LEE

LAST Friday night we attended a coaching exhibition organised by the NSW Coaches Federation and conducted by a visiting South American Coach.

A very pleasant modern coach, full of enthusiasm and ability who went through very efficiently a series of related technical practices and ball skills.

Over 40 enthusiastic coaches attended probably hoping to see something new or different "to find the magic solution".

I can't blame them for this but there isn't a magic solution! Knowledge and communication are the basis of coaching followed by analysis.

By this analysis there are two elements to coaching.

- What to coach
- How to coach it

Then:-

- Plan
- Implement
- Evaluate

It is as simple as that.

On the previous coaches night, when only 15 turned up, the Director of Coaching and Oscar Gonzalez held a working night showing how to relate Wiel Coerver techniques into group skill practices.

In other words showing how a lot of very classy techniques, by use of grid work and opposition, could be used effectively in games and how they could be set up to produce continuous game-like repetitions.

Oscar's session for coaches "who like to coach" was far greater value than the one by the very personable South American, perhaps not more entertaining, but had value such that if you work at it would improve your players.

If you have read Eric Worthington's:

"Teaching Soccer Skill FIFA's
The Modern Game
Orientation of Work with Juveniles"

Charles Hughes:



David Lee (left)

"Team Work & Tactics"

and studied the Wiel Coerver tapes.

The rest is:

"Improving your coaching technique"

You do not learn how to drive a car by watching someone else drive or listening to lectures.

If I have my way in 1991, all the Coaches Federation nights will be working sessions.

Possibly State Team Coaches invited to put on sessions including preparing slides and handouts

or

Level 3 Coaches invited to put on a session

Attending an NSL team training session.

All the leaning over the fence, watching with pen and clipboard, will not improve your coaching

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The team finished the season undefeated with eight wins and two draws. They scored 43 goals and conceded only 9. The coach, Paul Higgins, is an English exchange teacher. He referees and coaches in England. He teaches at St Benedict's in Stratford-Upon-Avon.



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS U/14: Paul Burnes, Dave O'Grady, Heber Sioux, Frank Portolest, Christian San Juan, Hakan Saydam, Ufuk Talay, Daniel Escobar, Justin Palumbo, P. Fourlas, T. Katsaros, M. Fazzolari, G. Dugarezos, D. Stubbs, F. Giuliano. Coach: S. Treloar. Manager: G. Baldock. Pic: H. CARRASCO.

Special treat for Benjamin, heart transplant recipient

SOCCEROO Robert Wheatley presented a football signed by members of the 1990 Australian Team to heart transplant recipient Benjamin Bray.

Benjamin was a member of the Under 6 Panda Soccer team in Bathurst when his problem was first noticed.

His father, Graham, informed us that Benjamin loves the game, and to make sure he can practice with his team mates when he returns home he will also receive a size 3 Aussie soccer ball.

With the prospect of recovering, returning to school and eventually playing soccer again, Ben has a great deal on his plate.

The Soccer community wishes him all the best after his historic operation.



Benjamin Bray smiles at his mother after his heart operation at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney.

Marconi club supplied a training shirt, a cap, badge, flag, posters, team photos, stickers and year book to the courageous youngster. Picture by courtesy of SYDNEY DAILY TELEGRAPH.



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The Robert Wheatley column



Granville next schools stop

WITH the junior season coming to a thrilling conclusion the Granville Association is the next target for school soccer clinics.

The busy format which began today will continue with a balance of primary and high school visits.

The Granville Association has registered players in the area of 6000 and serves the Granville and Parramatta areas.

The Granville senior club which was formed in 1883 is now Australia's oldest.

The lesson for primary schools is organised around a "back to basics" program.

Its content includes passing over a short distance, returning the ball with the side and instep of the foot and heading.

We then move on to 3 v 1 in grids and finish with 3 v 3 games.

The story with high schools is slightly different.

There is a concentration on individual skills, the grids are used and some principles of attack and defence are incorporated into an



exercise with a goalkeeper.

The field officers are required to demonstrate the objectives of each section and provide information about how the players are progressing.

SCHOOL SOCCER CLINICS

DATE:	SCHOOLS:	TIME:
5/9	Muirfield High School	9 — 10.20am
5/9	North Rocks Public School	1.20-2.40pm
6/9	Winston Heights Public School	9.30-11am
6/9	James Ruse Agricultural HS	1.30-2.50pm
7/9	Auburn West Public School	Morning
10/9	Merrylands High School	10.10-11.30
10/9	Hilltop Road Public School	1.15-2.45pm
11/9	Crestwood High School	Morning
11/9	Excelsior Public School	1.00-2.20pm
12/9	Arthur Phillip High School	10.00-11.30
12/9	Parramatta Public School	Afternoon
13/9	Parramatta High School	Morning
13/9	Parramatta West Public School	1.00-2.20pm
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NSW Indoor League

FROM BOB GENNER

WHILST Commodores (51 points) have won the NSW Indoor State League, tonight (Monday) will see a race for the other semi-final positions.

Liverpool (37), Olympic (35), Pretti Boys (34), Tornados and Strikers A (33) are in contention.

Last week the round at Fairfield Leisure Centre produced an excellent tally of 34 goals.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Commodores	19	17	6	2	186	42	51
Liverpool	18	11	2	6	95	38	37
Olympic	19	11	1	7	96	65	35
Pretti Boys	19	10	2	7	66	64	34
Tornados	19	10	2	7	78	62	33
Strikers A	19	10	2	7	72	62	33
Peach-Munn	19	6	3	10	50	52	25
Epping	19	7	0	12	46	65	21
Manos Boys	19	6	0	13	45	69	18
Stokers B	19	6	0	13	48	115	18
Celvic	19	3	1	15	35	79	11

LEADING SCORERS: Filipovic 65, White 34, Bogovic 31, Rago 20, Genc 19, Younan 18

NEW JUNIOR ACADEMY FOR GIRLS

AGED 11 TO 17

NSW Soccer Federation, in an endeavour to improve the standard of Ladies Soccer are introducing a Skill Development Program for girls.

There will be two groups:-

- Ages (1) 11 to 13
- (2) 14 to 17

The girls will receive free coaching during the summer months. One or two sessions per week will be held at Valentine Park, Parklea.

With the new demands of international women's soccer and the rising popularity of the game — with over 170 teams playing in the Commonwealth Shield — it is time to implement a supervised Skill Development Program. Trials will be held in late September.

If anyone wishes to register for a trial, please phone 629 1800 between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm and speak to Tricia.

David B Lee
NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Coaching explodes in NSW

BY DAVID B. LEE

WITH twelve Level 2 Courses being held in NSW this year, instead of the normal six, coaching has gone mad.

Four at Valentine Park, one each at Sutherland, Nowra, Wollongong, Lismore, Marconi, Ku-ring-gai and two at Manly.

The increased interest could be due to several factors. The World Cup, free Level 1 Courses offered to clubs, promotional work by Robert Wheatley, invasion of all the education systems by the Director of Coaching.

However, I think the major reason is taking the courses back to the people, not making people from all over the metropolis travel to

Parklea. Allowing courses to be held wherever qualified staff are available. This introduces an even greater problem — quality control.

In a state with one full-time Director of Coaching to 88,000 players the position is verging on the impossible.

A big factor which does not help is where districts appoint a Regional Coach without checking first with the Director of Coaching. This can lead to a district paying a coach who does not have qualifications or experience to conduct courses of a satisfactory standard; which in turn leads to that district having to pay a second coach to conduct courses.

Where a district appoints a coach without clearly defining his duties, the district could be responsible for paying the extra coach to conduct courses.

Qualified staff with a flair for instruction has become a problem — at present Chris James has been lost to Illawarra, Les Bee to Tasmania and Mick Jones has injury problems. This is particularly so, now when instructors have to understand and lecture on "Biomechanics in Goalkeeping" and the "Acquisition of Skill" etc.

Courses are getting longer and more complex and the time has arrived when coaching instructors will have to attend Bi-Annual Refreshers.



NSW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS 1990 GIRLS' SQUAD — Back row: Elizabeth Cotton, Joanne Powell, Cheryl Salisbury, Justine Fisher, Megan Cotton; Middle row: Jayne Balzan, Michelle Prouten, Brigitte Starr, Tracy Chapman, Charmaine Potter, Denise Potter; Front row: Brendon Fotheringham (manager), Stephanie Kite, Bronia Adamiak, Kristin Burke, Amanda Paterson, Heloise Gibb, Sue Andrews (coach).



At top Marconi's Newcastle-based star David Lowe is swamped by his young fans at Broad-meadow High School.

Below are three boys from Merewether High School. They toured Europe and played for Northern NSW in the Dana Cup in Denmark.

Frank Haffey remains goalkeeper tutor par excellence

BY PAUL GOODWIN

ONE of the finest goalkeepers to ever settle in Australia, Frank Haffey continues to involve himself in the local game and is keen to do even more, after so many achievements overseas.

The former Glasgow Celtic and Scotland custodian who played successfully for St George from 1965-1970 and for Hakoah (Sydney City) until 1974, has been on the coaching scene since 1974 when he joined the Sutherland Shire State League club as player-



FRANK HAFHEY

coach.

When he retired as a player in 1976 he continued his connections with soccer as goalkeeping assistant at Sydney City, and more recently as assistant coach and specialist goalkeeper coach at 1st

Division club North Shore United.

Many a young goalkeeper has benefited from his advice, and in recent years Frank has branched out into the area of individual tuition.

Haffey is available as a specialist goalkeeper coach all year round for clubs, schools and individuals, anywhere within the metropolitan area.

Details of the Frank Haffey Coaching Clinics can be obtained direct from Frank at PO Box 17, 174 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga 2076 or by telephoning 02 484 3288.

White Eagles top indoor season

LAST season proved an outstanding one for the Sydney White Eagles U15 futsal squad.

Not only did they take out the high class Fairfield competition held at the Fairfield Leisure Centre, they also went on to win the National Titles in January at Canberra's Institute of Sport.

This was the first year the White Eagle U15 squad had come together, and they managed to achieve the highest goal in indoor soccer in Australia.

The team entered the National Titles in a very confident vein, and went into the final with the same attitude.

The White Eagles came up against last year's title holders Syd-

ney Strikers, who had three Australian representatives in their squad.

The game was rough. White Eagles goalkeeper Mark Kijic was spectacular throughout the whole competition and showed great form in the final, not allowing the ball to hit the back of the net.

Shane Blewden, White Eagles' last man, showed the crowd and the players what defending was all about by stopping two on one situations which could have resulted in goals.

Miodrag Strbac and Kiro Stamatof played well when they had a chance to come, the former scoring four goals and the latter three in the tournament.

Nothing can be said



WHITE EAGLES under 15 indoor national champions. Top left to right: Goran Churcic, Dragan Radovac, Shane Blewden, Robert Apostolovska. Bottom: Miodrag Strbac, Miki Fransovic, Mark Kijic, Kiro Stamatof.

against Micky Trunsovic and Robert Apostolovska, who played fantastically in the midfield, scoring many goals and setting up a number of others for striker Dragan

Radovac. Radovac scored many great goals in the National Titles including two in the final, and was selected in the Australian team to tour Mexico later this year.

Here is the triumphant LIVERPOOL OLYMPIC Under 12 Division 4 team from Sydney's Southern Districts Soccer Football Assn celebrating their 6-0 grand final win. The scorers on the day were Ilias Orfanidis 4, Chris Agiasotis, with Chipping Norton contributing an own goal.



The players are: Anthony Lemura, George Krejza, Perry Savides, Perry Kotronis, Michael Gordon, Chris Agiasotis, Tony Kyritsis, Peter Zambis, Ilias Orfanidis, George Katapodis, Theodore Pappas, George Shalala.

Bringing up Joeys

BY WALTER DE STE CROIX*

THERE is room for local innovation in the timing and method of introducing children to the game.

Kicking a ball around with Dad and older brother(s) is ideal, if they know how.

But for how long before a more formal venue succeeds the 'close family' scene?

Five-six-seven- and eight-year-olds cannot take a ball up to the oval unsupervised and commence self-expression, even outside of the cities.

Adult-inspired activity must be accepted in this aspect of children's lives, as in all other aspects.

However, it should be kept at a low level in the earliest years.

The ultimate proposal that I heard was that of a former NSW State Director of Coaching, Dr Gordon Waterlow, Paediatrician.

"I take a bag of soccer balls," he said, "tip them out for the children and recline nearby in a deck-chair. If they come to me with questions, I do my best to answer them suitably."

A less radical suggestion is given at Appendix A.

Many primary school teachers could suggest other methods to maximise the children's involvement and inputs.

Coaches and coaching bodies agreeing with my diagnoses in the latter part of the previous article must lobby in their areas for the reform of existing introductory and competition arrangements for children between five and eight years of age.

Parents and local committees, mesmerized by the attractions of participating in the children's wholehearted enjoyment of this 'grown-up' sport and by the ease of recruiting players (committees like favourable statistics), will not readily delay the formation of teams or the provision of a fixtures framework to encourage competition.

Unstructured

A format advocated by ex-State Director of Coaching of Tasmania and Queensland, Denis Ford, is for first participation of children in soccer matches to be on the basis of casual, on-going pick-up-sides, dress optional, players per side not too many, but with the opportunity for newcomers to join in.

The sides will always be fairly balanced, if necessary by the newcomers!

The pitch doesn't need boundaries, so long as goals are movable.

A game can be improved, add wing play promoted, along with peripheral vision, by having two small goals



at each end instead of one.

Such goals can be made with cones, or better still with corner posts lying on their sides, a goal being scored by the ball contacting the corner post from any direction.

Strict age-grouping can be dispensed with, new chums learn rapidly by playing alongside older boys.

Bibs would be an advantage.

An adult is needed to referee, and to terminate a game appropriately, before starting a new one with fresh sides picked up by fresh 'captains'.

Structured

With an unstructured introduction behind them the beginners move on to official matches in club colours.

With some skills already learned, six (or even seven)-a-side games will lead to positional sense of the better sort, nothing rigid, call it players' experiments in the use of space.

Clubs are given the chance of assessing players' abilities with a view to streaming (grading) in the following year.

Most Associations now promote 6-a-side and 9-a-side soccer for boys up to ten years of age.

This format, with its vastly increased touches per player and easily grasped tactical situations compared with 11-a-side, is a big improvement.

It is my opinion that the 9-a-side format should be retained up to the age of eleven and played to the Rules laid down in the Aussie Sports Coaching program published by ACHPER in 1987.

We should let 11-a-side soccer commence as puberty nears, and thus mark that stage in a child's development.

And at all stages let us see that the pitches are not too wide or too long for attackers to defend and for defenders to attack.

All members of the team then remain closely involved, no roles are marginal and a good passing game results.

Long balls played up to front men will not pay a regular dividend on small pitches.

Goalkeepers will get a much more realistic and enjoyable game.

Providing several seasons of 6-a-side games brings too much competition into even so-called 'non-competition' matches, leading to the fixing of players' roles, and to the 'big kick from the back' tactic, which is boring and stultifying for most participants.

Assuming that the first 6-a-side season is as under 8's, let 9-a-side begin with under 9's in teams graded within each club where several divisions exist.

If only one or two divisions of under 9's are registered in the area it is probably too early to grade players into A and B teams.

That would destroy the interest, at any rate for the players.

The merits of 6-a-side soccer still deserve at this stage a period of further exposure.

After one round of 9-a-side (say nine games in a ten team division) clubs can arrange their players into squads of seven or eight and complete the season with conditioned 6-a-side games; conditioned to encourage certain skills and tactics.

This amounts to training on Saturdays!

The old favourites can be prescribed, each for three Saturdays: three-touch; beat a man before passing; even left foot only!

A favourite of mine is to disallow all kicking/ passing above shoulder height, forcing play out to the touchlines, requiring triangular play (the players will re-invent it) and support from behind.

Goodbye to long clearances, even to goalkeepers — goals will only count if scored from inside the 'D' in front of goal. This really works.

After 30 years experience, I am obliged to say that these must be handled by coaches and not administrators.

Only coaches, plus a few committeemen or women will see the need for change and want to set the scene for building a better base on which soccer can stand much taller.

Only then will even better young players, modern coaches and wiser administrators emerge.

Without Brazil's infrastructure we cannot do with our juniors what the Brazilians do.

Without the schools' expertise and commitment of Britain we cannot follow their leads.

But we must take what we can from the successful set-ups elsewhere, or see our juniors and hence later our seniors decline.

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Planning and Development for Amateurs

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Executive Committee together with the General Manager met on Saturday 4th August 1990 at 8.30am for a Planning and Development Day with input for part of the day received from the Promotions and Development Officer and the President of the NSW Coaches Federation. Input was also received from the State Director of Coaching at a meeting on the prior evening.

Issues examined and remedies proposed are:

1. LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

Considered problems created by wet weather, promotional activity of other sports, Soccer's lack of promotional activity and apathy at various levels.

Remedies proposed include:

A. Creating one NSW Soccer Registration Day with an many Associations as possible to co-operate and centre a concerted promotional campaign towards that day. Promotion to include NSL, ASF, and NSWAF and to take the form of full pages in local newspapers, TV, radio and billboards (static and mobile) depending on costs, input from other soccer bodies and sponsor interest. Shopping Centres should also be targeted;

B. Examine the possibility of a full colour catalogue (similar to K-Mart etc) with pages paid for by sponsors promoting their own products together with promotional material on soccer for distribution to as many households as possible;

C. Continue to concentrate on schools as the major source of new and renewed player;

D. Actively promote women's soccer as a huge potential growth area;

E. Make full use of the promotional benefits to be held from a successful Kanga Cup and other existing State Competitions to encourage ongoing and new players;

F. Continue to use media outlets as much as possible for as much "free" publicity as can be obtained;

G. Encourage NSL, State League, ASF and other Soccer bodies to promote themselves and to become involved in our promotions for maximum effect in line with the Bradley Report; and

H. Seek to set up a Soccer Pavilion at the Easter Show for major exposure to the public.

2. SOCCER DEVELOPMENT

As distinct from promotional activities, the following are more soccer related remedies also aimed at gaining membership as well as retaining players by less obvious means;

A. Coaching camps to be run as official NSWASF Coaching Camps in all school holidays in as many areas as are interested. Coaches to be fully accredited and steps taken to ensure that participants are receiving full value;

B. Summer training programme for elite players to keep up the fitness, skills level and interest;

C. Use of skills squads to improve skills as distinct from winning;



NSW Amateurs' John Hedison.

D. To allow up to five replacements per game to make it possible for all reserves to participate and not lose them to the game due to lack of opportunity;

E. Further promote the need for more qualified Coaches and why this is so important to the code's development;

F. Having and promoting two NSW State Teams in National Championship;

G. Having more high profile players at Soccer activities throughout the State; and

H. Continue to develop relationships with Departments of Sport and Education.

3. MARKETING, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING

Income through these areas has continued to grow to unprecedented heights, nevertheless, in order to fund many of the abovementioned activities, it will need to continue to grow.

Proposed actions to do this include:

A. Encourage all clubs and Associations to purchase most of their products through the State Office at cheaper prices and to direct these purchases to sponsors products;

B. Use the colour catalogue as well as every other possible source for increased direct sales;

C. Development the Kanga Cup to major international event status to be able to gain full financial benefit for Soccer;

D. Continue to develop relationships with sponsors and, where possible, arrange for a split in sponsorship with benefits going directly to co-operating clubs and Associations;

E. Continue to expand the range of products available to be able to meet the needs of as many players and clubs as possible;

F. Seek and apply for all forms of grants available and advise relevant Branches of grants available to them; and

G. Continue to seek sponsors for existing and new activities as well as suppliers of soccer products.

The meeting ended at 4.30pm with all participants feeling that a great deal had been both learned and accomplished.

Further information on most of the proposed remedies will be circulated as they arise and many will require Board or AGM approval prior to implementation.

SOUTH AMERICAN SCENE

with MARIO ETCHART

THE Copa Libertadores is now in its final stages with the semi-final draw being Atletico Nacional, of Colombia vs Olimpia, of Paraguay, and Barcelona (Ecuador) v River Plate, of Argentina.

Nacional Medellin reached the semis after beating Brazil's Vasco de Gama 2-0 in the second leg at home after drawing 0-0 in Rio the previous week.

Medellin scored two late goals after flamboyant goalkeeper Rene Higuita failed to convert a 48th minute penalty.

Olimpia beat Chile's Universidad Catolica 2-1 in Asuncion and in a dramatic encounter played in Santiago, the Paraguayans snatched a 4-4 draw to reach the semi-finals for the second consecutive year.

The Nacional-Olimpia semi is a repeat of last year's final which was won by the Colombian side.

Ecuador's Barcelona advanced to the semi-finals for the first time of the competition by eliminating their countrymen from



RENE HIGUITA — missed a penalty in the Copa Libertadores quarter-final tie against Vasco de Gama.

Emelec with a 1-0 win in the second leg.

Ex-internationals, Argentinian midfielder Marcelo Trobbiani and Uruguayan Mario Saralegui, were instrumental in the victory.

"We are amongst the best four teams in South America and we will go into the match against River Plate full of confidence," the Uruguayan midfielder said after the game.

Meanwhile, Argentine champions River

Plate, coached by Daniel Passarella, the captain of Argentina's 1978 world champion team, reached the semis after a dramatic 1-1 draw with local Buenos Aires rivals Independiente.

The 'Millionaires' beat the 'Red Devils' 2-0 in the first leg and in the return quarter-final tie, Independiente went ahead with a goal from Claudio Osterrieth but in the 89th minute Medina Bello equalised from a

rebound.

The two semi-finals will be played on September 5 and 12.

New Brazilian coach Falcao has announced his squad for the international against Spain on September 12 in Gijon.

All overseas-based players have been excluded.

The Brazilian squad is:

Goalkeepers: Velloso, Sergio.

Defenders: Gil Baiano, Paulao, Leonardo, Nelsinho, Marcio Santos, Toninho, Donizete.

Midfielders: Cafu, Moacir, Neto, Bismarck.

Strikers: Charles, Jorginho, Paulo Egídio, Tulio, Nilson.

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C. City Con.	20	12	3	5	46	27	27
Juventus	19	10	5	4	43	25	25
Tugger. Utd	19	8	7	4	41	25	23
Univ. of Can.	20	7	7	6	40	37	21
Canberra Croatia	20	9	2	9	36	29	20
Weston Creek	19	3	3	13	20	45	9
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Soviets have only themselves to blame

BY KEIR RADNEDGE*

SOVIET manager Valeri Lobanovsky went home from Italia '90 a very bitter and disappointed man. You did not have to be a mind-reader to see that.

The usually formal mask which Lobanovsky presents to press conferences of foreign journalists had dropped.

Here was an angry man, who felt all his years of work had been betrayed by refereeing incompetence.

Lobanovsky blamed the Uruguayan referee, Juan Daniel Cardellino, for awarding Romania a decisive penalty when Vagiz Khidiyatulin had committed a handball offence outside the penalty area, not inside; Lobanovsky blamed the Swedish referee, Erik Fredriksson, for ignoring Diego Maradona's handling of a goalbound effort from Oleg Kuznetsov in the match against Argentina.

Factors

Two factors made Fredriksson's 'blindness' all the more unforgivable.

For one thing, he was standing only a matter of yards from Maradona with no-one between them; there was no way he could NOT have seen what happened.

Secondly, Fredriksson was the man whose decisions (in collusion with his linesmen) had seen Belgium beat the Soviet Union 4-3 in an extra-time thriller of a match in the second round in the Mexico World Cup, four years ago.

No wonder Lobanovsky felt betrayed, disappointed, let down.

Yet was he right to lay so much emphasis on refereeing decisions?

As time passes, may he not think more deeply about the real causes of one of the most public setbacks for Soviet soccer at international level for a very long time?

For 15 years now, Lobanovsky's Kiev-based football philosophy has represented the international face of the Soviet game.

Whatever the competing successes of Moscow Spartak or Dnipro at domestic level, Kiev have been synonymous with Soviet soccer for foreigners.

That is hardly surprising, given that Kiev players have comprised a majority of the national team and the national squad.

It is not necessary to discuss any further here the particular scientific and analytical approach which Lobanovsky brought to coaching.

But, whatever the immediate impressions left by the Soviet team at the World Cup, Lobanovsky has been a highly-successful and respected figure in the international game.



VASSILY RATS — one of the Soviet stalwarts sure to be left out by new national coach Anatoli Bishovets.

That remains unaltered and Soviet soccer should appreciate the fact.

In theory, the Soviet Union — in my opinion — had probably its finest squad of players in modern times in the latter years of the 1980s.

The 1986 World Cup, the 1988 European championship and the 1990 World Cup, were the ideal stages in which this team should have produced its very best form.

So what went wrong?

In 1986, in the World Cup finals, the Soviet side began with six goals against Hungary; a wonderful display.

Except that, in World Cups, national teams should not start at their best; they should build up to their best, over four or five games.

By the time the Soviet side met a strong, powerful Belgian side in the second round, they were running out of steam.

Belgium beat them, not so much because of the referee, but because of stamina and their greater good sense in pacing their progress through the tournament.

So, to 1988 and the European finals in West Germany.

The Soviet side played some superb soccer.

Men such as Litovchenko, Zavarov and Aleinikov were admirable in midfield; Protasov a constant danger in attack; Rats and Mikhailichenko ideal pillars of support.

Pattern

But a definitive pattern of play was emerging.

This Soviet side preferred to sit back and wait for the opposition to attack.

Given space on the

break, on the counter-attack, Zavarov and Co were quick and dangerous.

But, when it came to the final against Holland, the demands of competition had changed.

Now the Soviet side could not sit happily back, as they had in their opening group victory over Holland.

Now they needed to come forward, to 'make the play,' to dominate the Dutch midfield.

And that was where they failed.

This Soviet side, so impressive on the break, appeared to lack knowledge of how to play a positive, creative game of their own.

Lobanovsky, even then, hinted at a criticism of the refereeing system which sent his team into the final without the superb Kuznetsov in the centre of defence.

But it was not in defence that the Soviets fell down, it was in attack.

And so to Italia '90.

Again the same failing, this time revealed right from the start.

When the Soviet Union had to come out of their defence — orientated shell and dominate Romania with their own creative football, they could not do so.

That Romania led 1-0 and later 2-0 should not have been a disaster.

Teams often come back from such deficits to win their matches.

But this Soviet team lacked creative confidence.

More, it lacked individual confidence, too.

Protasov and Zavarov should have scored long before Lacatus scored Romania's first goal.

And, at World Cup level, any team MUST take its goal chances. The alternative is a

plane ride home.

Even Brazil found that out, against Argentina in Turin, to their cost.

The Soviets' match against Argentina had suddenly become a matter of life-or-death.

Now Lobanovsky, like so many of his managerial colleagues in Italy, threw everything up in the air.

After 10 successful years he suddenly dropped goalkeeper Dasayev and midfielder Litovchenko — men whose vast experience was surely important in a crisis.

Panic

Like other managers, Lobanovsky appeared to allow himself to be panicked into change because of one defeat.

But, by bringing such changes, the manager increased the pressure on his players rather than reduce it.

In the circumstances, defeat by Argentina was not such a surprise.

Yet, even here, the Soviets allowed chances to escape.

After only eight minutes — before the Maradona incident, before Argentina opened the scoring — Dobrovolski opened up the South American defence only for Shalimov's shot to be scrambled out.

Victory over Cameroon came too late to save the Soviet team.

They were the first nation to be eliminated from Italia '90.

Whose fault? Referees? No team can correct a referee.

The alternative is to make sure that whether referees have good days or bad days, that your tactics and performance do not leave any room for doubt.

The Soviet team did not take their goal chances when they should have done.

They lacked the know-all (or even talent, perhaps?) to control their matches.

At any other level such errors might not be punished so severely.

But the World Cup is the pinnacle of the game.

You have to treat it with the utmost respect. The penalty is failure.

At least, from that standpoint, Lobanovsky may one day find consolation.

He was in good company: 22 other nations flew home from Italy as 'failures' as well.

ANATOLY BISHOVETS is the new Soviet national coach and has resigned as boss of Moscow Dynamo so as to concentrate — unlike Lobanovsky — on the one job.

* courtesy WORLD SOCCER

US move pleases FIFA

FIFA have warmly welcomed the election of Alan Rothenberg, architect of the successful soccer tournament at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, as the new head of the US Soccer Federation.

Spokesman Guido Tognoni said FIFA was convinced Rothenberg's election, two years after the successful US bid for the 1994 World Cup, would speed up preparations for the tournament.

"Werner Fricker did a great job in presenting the US bid in 1988. But two years later, FIFA views with increasing disquiet the lack of urgency in the preparations," Tognoni said.

Tognoni also stated that Fricker, defeated by a surprisingly large margin in the August 5 election, had often spurned offers of advice and FIFA expertise in handling the World Cup.

"An executive committee decision last December that bids must be invited for the US television rights was ignored. Television and sponsorship deals are still open."

"A professional outdoor league promised as part of the US bid is still to be formed," Tognoni said.

He agreed that the governing body of world soccer had actively encouraged the candidacy of Rothenberg, a Los Angeles attorney.

"We do not want to interfere in the internal politics of the federations," he said.

"But one must understand that this is the World Cup, our showpiece event. We seemed to be in a



Star US midfielder John Banks

vacuum, with no progress in sight."

Tognoni said there had been a strong feeling within FIFA that the US World Cup administration lacked credibility and did not have the confidence of the corporate sponsors.

"We needed fresh blood, a new beginning. With the new president's experience we are going the right way and are sure of progress," he said.

Rothenberg told reporters that one of his first jobs would be to review all World Cup plans to date, including programmes of the World Cup '94 Organising Committee headed by Scott LeTellier.

LeTellier, a fellow Californian attorney, worked with Rothenberg on the 1984 Olympic soccer tournament which attracted 1.4 million spectators.

Tognoni said

Rothenberg would meet FIFA officials in Zurich later this month.

ALDERSHOT LIVE AGAIN

A winding-up petition against English club Aldershot was dismissed by a High Court judge.

Spencer Trethewy, a 19-year-old property developer, promises a \$500,000 cash injection to the Fourth Division club which has debts of about \$900,000.

The judge dismissed the winding-up petition with the proviso that the club's supervisors lodge a letter with the court confirming an outstanding cheque for \$120,000 had been cleared and Aldershot's debts would be paid in full.



Polish international Robert Warzycha. He will be a key player for Poland in their Euro-92 qualifying debut against the Republic of Ireland on October 16.

Andreas Brehme, superstar

EARLY in the second half of West Germany's titanic World Cup clash with Holland, Andy Brehme had a short, sharp conversation with Dutch winger John Van't Schip.

Brehme, the outstanding raider 'fullback' at Italia '90, said: "Why don't you play your own game."

Van't Schip "These are my orders."

There could have been few greater compliments to the ever-present threat Brehme presents.

Hard evidence was duly provided by a superb goal against the Dutch and then the decisive penalty which earned German glory in the World Cup Final itself against Argentina.

Uncompromising in the tackle, incisive in his interventions, difficult to pass, strong going forward with great vision and a feared specialist at free kicks, struck with accuracy and venom these are qualities which have elevated Brehme to the heights.

Brehme plays his club football with Internazionale and, last year, was voted the best player in Italy.

Not Van Basten, not

Gullit, not even Maradona, but modest Andy Brehme received most votes from the Italian managers and journalists.

Inter coach Giovanni Trapattoni says: "Andreas Brehme is a personality, he has a good eye for the game and is technically strong. His play is very disciplined and like all Germans he always wants to win."

Brehme was born on November 9, 1960 in Hamburg. At four he was introduced to football by his father Bernd, who was then team manager of Barmbek Uhlendorst.

During his formative years mother Waltraud was also ever present, including at the first famous occasion when her five-year-old Andy, as a mascot, kicked off with the legendary Uwe Seiler at a friendly against Hamburg.

Brehme says: "My father was constantly behind me. I have him to thank for my development and successful career."



ANDREAS BREHME

His parents had no objection when at 20, he joined Saarbrücken in South West Germany.

A year later in 1981 he was snapped up by Kaiserslautern and, in February 1984, he made his debut in the national side against Bulgaria in Varna.

Brehme spent 15 years with Barmbek Uhlendorst (1965-1980), one year Saarbrücken (1980-81) and five years at Kaiserslautern (1981-1986).

By then he became a regular in national colours and celebrated above all runners-up spot in the 1986 World Cup.

But the big turning point in his career came with the move to Bayern Munich in 1986 for \$700,000.

There he tasted success winning the league championship (1987) and the Super Cup (1987).

When Inter Milan came in for him in 1988, Brehme could not say no.

After all, Italy is most Germans' favourite foreign country and the lure of the lire — he now earns three times as much as in Munich — proved equally irresistible.

While Inter paid \$6 million for Lothar Matthäus, Brehme cost 'only' \$1.4 million.

Yet Brehme's ability to find space is one of the key factors in Matthäus's own success.

Matthäus is a close friend with whom Brehme shares a room at away matches, or in training camps.

Soon the "Interisti" realised what a gem they bought relatively cheaply. Matthäus says: "Andy was misunderstood in Munich; he was shoved all over the place. At Inter people understand he can decide matches on his own."

The fans appreciate his spirit and consistency. Brehme says: "That is why the Italians regard Germans so highly, because we never give up."

Brehme, who married his Spanish wife, Pilar, three years ago, won't go to the Bundesliga for a long time yet.

Yet he should not have scored the Cup winning in Rome. That he did owed to the professionalism of Lothar Matthäus.

Matthäus said: "I should have taken the penalty against Argentina but I had a bad ankle so I let Andy take it. I knew he would not let us down."

— courtesy
WORLD SOCCER

BEHAVE, OR ELSE

THE English Football Association says newly promoted First Division club Leeds United could be kicked out of the Association if it doesn't keep its crowds under control in the new season.

The FA says any repeat of the ugly scenes of May 5 this year, when 2,000 Leeds fans went on the rampage before, during and after a Second Division match with Bournemouth, will result in the club playing its next four home matches behind closed doors.

And if that doesn't work, the FA will consider taking away the club's membership and affiliation.

A 120 fans from Leeds were arrested last May and a further 24 were detained in follow-up operations by police last month.

Thirty policemen and 20 members of the public were injured.

The club, meanwhile unveiled a \$2 million project aimed at stamping out hooliganism.

The First Division side has set up a family stand seating 2,600 and a "dads and lads" area holding nearly another 1,000 for Leeds and away team fans. The scheme also provides creche facilities and games lounges for youngsters.



FC Köln star Götze — set for a big season in the West German Bundesliga with his ambitious club.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- Argentine striker Ariel Cozoni has signed a four year contract with Nice, the French First Division club. The 26-year-old was Argentina's leading goalscorer last year with 23 goals in 32 championship games for Rosario.
- Newly promoted Bundesliga club Hertha Berlin will be the best supported club in West Germany. Hertha started the season with 43,883 season ticket holders.
- East German side FC Chemnitz have signed a Hungarian striker, Jozsef Dzurjak, from Ferencváros.
- Kuwait's national team players were in camp in Vichy, France, when they learned of their country's invasion by Iraq.
- Bodo Illgner has been voted West German Goalkeeper of the Year for 1989/90. The World Cup winner finished ahead of Aumann and Stein.
- English international Tony Woodcock, who spent most of his career in West Germany, will have a testimonial match in Cologne on September 9. A selection of English internationals, including Shilton, Lineker, and Butcher, will meet a German select, which will field players like Schuster, Littbarski, Steiner and Overath.
- Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad Sabah, who made worldwide headlines when he walked on to the pitch during the 1982 World Cup match in Spain between Kuwait and France, was killed while defending the royal palace in Kuwait during the Iraqi invasion. The Sheikh was also president of the Asian Olympic Committee.
- West German World Cup star Guido Bunchwald has rejected tempting Italian offers, to re-sign for one season with VfB Stuttgart.
- Europe's leading video company, Video-Film, has decided not to market the 1990 World Cup final. "The match was too mediocre to satisfy our clients," the company's president said.
- In Brazil, Gremio's home ground, the Estadio Olimpico, at Porto Alegre, has been closed for safety reasons. Large slabs from the grandstand roof have been falling, narrowly missing spectators, in the past three months.
- Another Brazilian will coach a foreign national team. Former Fluminense coach Salvador Luiz de Ameda is the new supreme of Guinea, in Africa.
- Werder Bremen veteran striker Manfred Burgsmüller has retired at age 40 after 477 Bundesliga appearances and three national team caps.
- Diego Maradona's brother, Hugo, will play for Rapid in Austria later this year.
- Spanish clubs have not splurged on the international transfer market this season. The only three major buys have been Austrian Gerhard Rodax to Atletico Madrid, Romanian Gheorghe Hagi to Real and Bulgarian Stoichkov to Barcelona.
- Former Polish national coach Antoni Piechniczek has left Tunisia to take over top United Arab Emirates club Al Shabab Al Arabic.
- Pierre Littbarski could hang up his boots to take over as manager of FC Köln next year.
- Pele will celebrate his 50th birthday in London on October 23 when Brazil plays England in a friendly international at Wembley.



MARCO GABBIADINI — aiming for the top with Sunderland in this year's English First Division.

Romanians enjoy new freedoms

ROMANIA's leading soccer players, relishing the freedom to earn large sums abroad, appear to be putting cash ahead of their country.

The national team management are having trouble contacting players abroad and there were signs that players were reluctant to play for their country.

The latest player to be snapped up by a Western club is Steaua Bucharest's striker Gavril Balint, who signed for Spain's Burgos last week.

Romania meet Scotland in a European championship group two qualifier on September 12.

"This is a new situation for us with so many internationals playing abroad," Romanian Federation official Cristian Bivolaru said.

"But the Yugoslavs, the Poles and even the

West Germans have had to cope with similar situations.

"Anyway, after the exodus of star players, our national team is going to face its first major test when we meet Scotland."

The exodus has had one direct benefit.

Romanian soccer is now awash with \$18 million in hard currency from the lucrative transfer deals, made possible in the liberal climate following the downfall of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu last December.

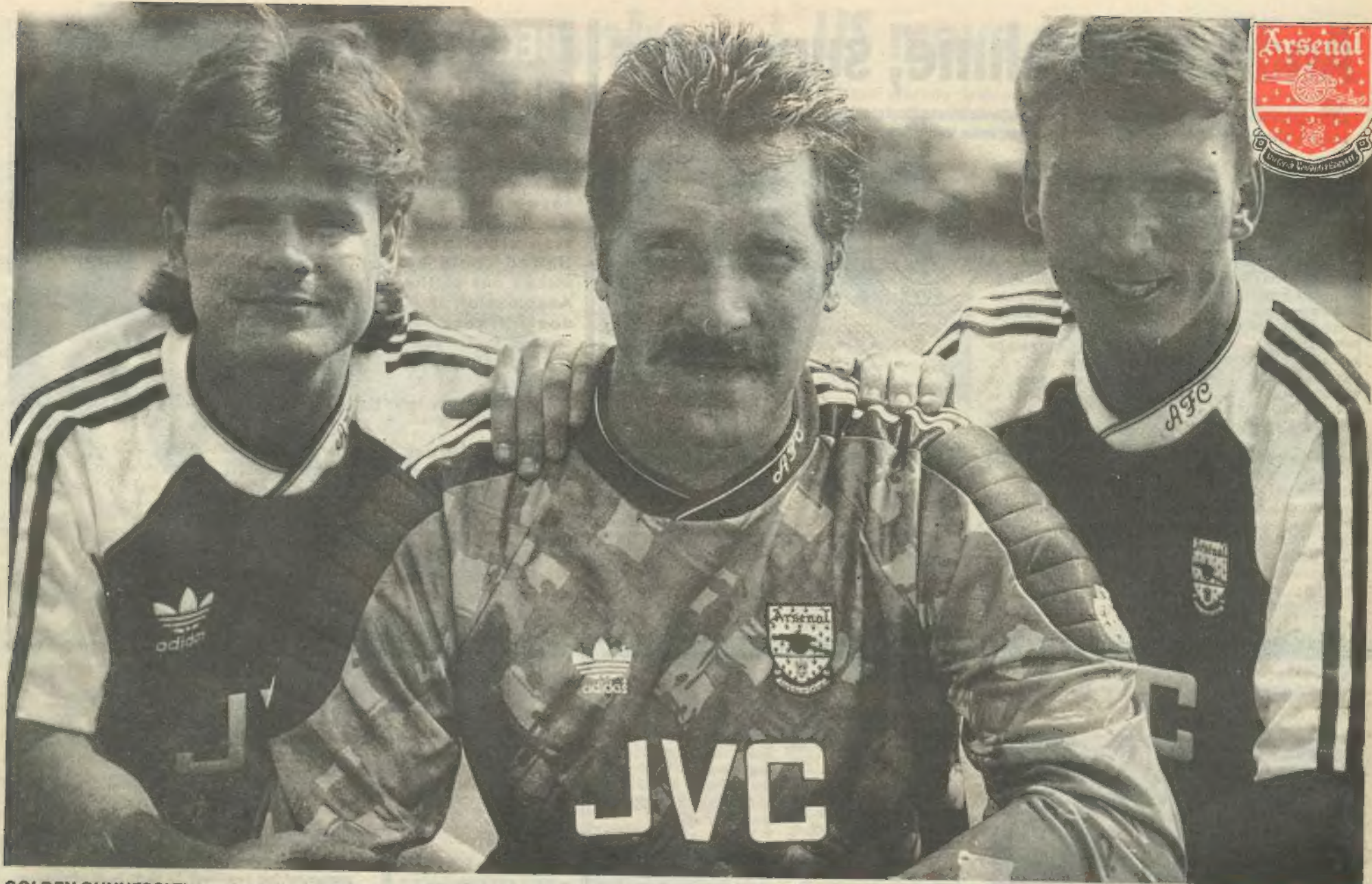
The money has been shared between the national federation and three First Division clubs—Dynamo, Steaua and Universitatea Craiova.

Romania's new coach

GHEORGHE Constantin, a prolific scorer for Steaua Bucharest in the early 1960s, was named Romanian national soccer coach.

Constantin, 57, takes over from Emerich Jenei who stepped down after leading the side in the World Cup finals in Italy where Romania reached the second round before losing to Ireland in a penalty shoot-out.

Constantin has been coach of Romanian First Division side Farul Constanta.



GOLDEN GUNNERS! Three of a kind — Arsenal's new \$2.5 million signings Anders Limpar, of Sweden (left), goalkeeper David Seaman (centre) and Andy Linighan are gunning for glory as Arsenal attempts to recapture their 1988/89 English title this season. But according to bookmakers, Liverpool are red-hot favourites and Tottenham the next best chance.

Roxburgh plans a Scottish overhaul

SCOTLAND manager Andy Roxburgh is planning a major overhaul of his World Cup side before they attempt to qualify for their first European finals.

"This is traditionally a period of change after the World Cup but this time I feel that the transition could be more dramatic," said Roxburgh.

"Well known senior players tend to drop out after the World Cup finals and that means an experimental, or settling in, phase for the players who are new to the scene."

Roxburgh said that when he took over as national coach four years ago, he had to get to know the scene and blend in players over a period of time.

"But, in truth, we only really lost Graeme Souness after the 1986 World Cup in Mexico," he said.

This time circumstances had forced their hand with Mo Johnston and Jim Bett both deciding not to play for Scotland again.



ANDY ROXBURGH

"I think the Scotland team which faces Romania on September 12 will be barely recognisable from the last one," said the coach. Scotland's campaign also includes Bulgaria, Switzerland and San Marino.

Apart from Johnston and Bett, it is unlikely that Jim Leighton, Murdo MacLeod and Davie Cooper will ever be summoned again while there are question marks over others such as Gary Gillespie, Richard Gough and Alan McNally.

In the short term, Roy Aitken and Alex McLeish will be retained for their experience.

Roxburgh is now looking to the next generation to help Scotland through to the finals in Sweden: Hibs goalkeeper Andy Goram, midfielders Stuart McCall, John Collins and Gary McAllister and strikers Robert Fleck and Gordon Durie.

"McCall is the best find we had in the last year. He did extremely well in the World Cup, especially in an area of the field which was proving to be a worry. McAllister and Collins gained from the experience even if they didn't play while Fleck and Durie have a lot to offer," he said.

"Now they have to go for it and not only prove they can play at that level but can do it consistently."

ROBSON ROCKED



BRYAN ROBSON

INJURY-prone England soccer captain Bryan Robson is to have another operation, this time on his Achilles tendon.

The 33-year-old Manchester United captain has entered a London clinic for the operation after failing to throw off an injury that ruled him out of the World Cup campaign in Italy.

The news came as a blow to United, who were planning to play Robson as sweeper in a new-look defence for the new season.

Robson's long list of injuries in recent years includes broken legs, groin problems, a broken nose, concussion, a pulled hamstring, a swallowed tongue, badly bruised ribs, a fractured shin and a hernia operation.

Butcher bows out!



TERRY Butcher, who took over the England captaincy during the later stages of the World Cup, has decided to end his international career.

The central defender, who captains Scottish club Glasgow Rangers, was substituted in England's World Cup quarter-final and semi-final matches and dropped twice during the tournament as former manager Bobby Robson experimented with a sweeper system.

Butcher, who took over as captain in Italy from the injured Bryan Robson, played for England 77 times in an international career

spanning 10 years and three World Cups, and became a stalwart of the defence.

"Obviously it was a very hard decision to make. I felt that the World Cup finals in Italy were a great way to finish a career," said 31-year-old Butcher.

recovering from a close-season cartilage operation.

He said he told new England manager Graham Taylor last week that he intended to stand aside to allow younger players to come in at the start of the new era.

The Heartbreak Kid

FOUR years ago Juan Gilberto Funes was the hero of Argentina after leading top club River Plate to victory in the South American Club Cup and the World Club Cup.

Now Funes's luck

has run out.

After a spell in Greece he was all prepared to join French club Nice.

That is... until the medical showed that he has a heart complaint.

Not only will Nice be steering clear of Funes, so will most other European clubs.